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Mrs. Miller,

Well I've really enjoyed getting to know you and talking with you during class. I hope you have a good summer and I'll see next year.

Love,
Natasha
McElyea

Mrs. Miller,

I really enjoyed having "The Secretary" as my friend. Work hard like you always do. Don't put those sophomores to a whole lot of work next year. It was fun.

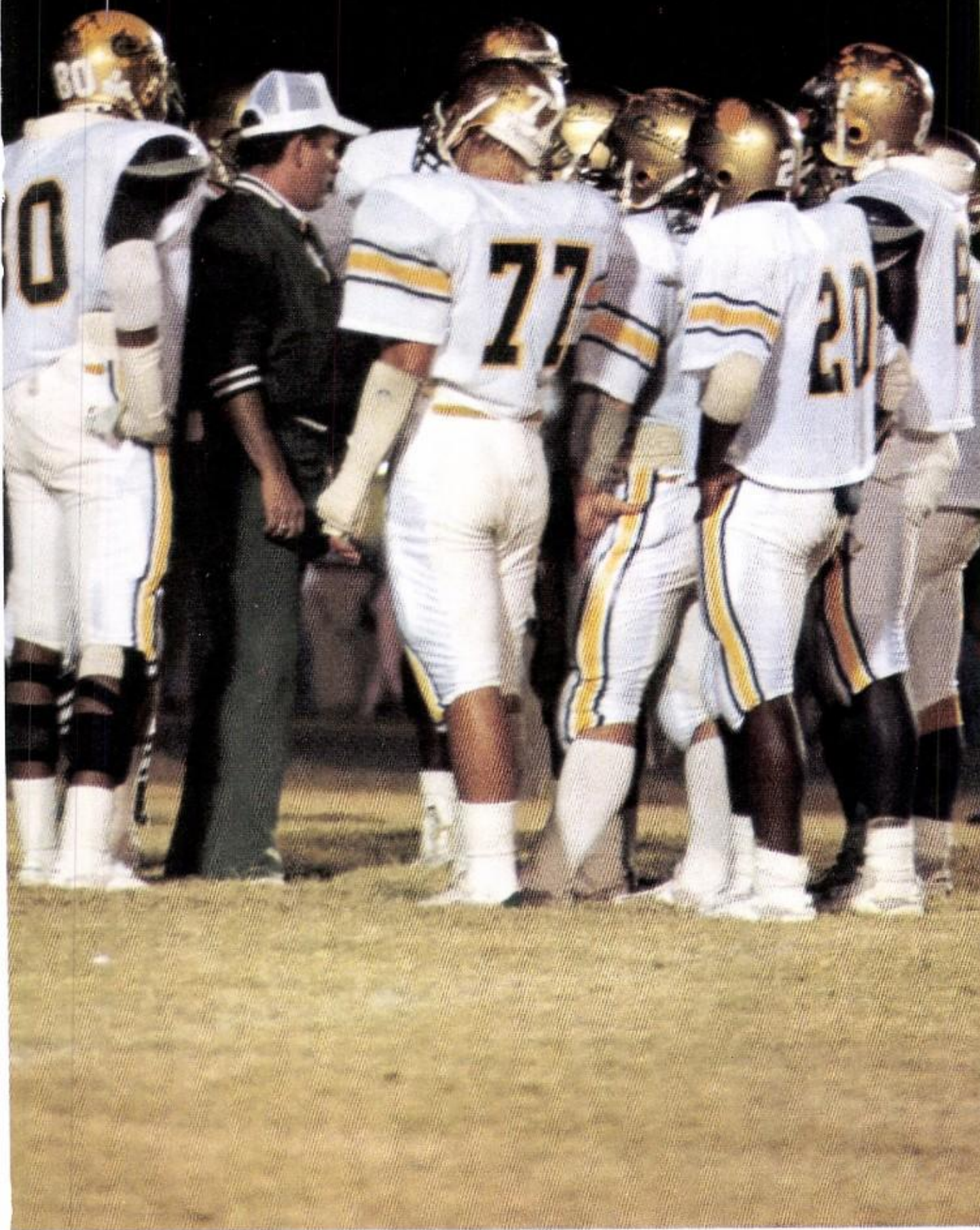
C/O
'88 Larry
Thompson

Mrs. Miller,

It's been fun
working with
you. Have fun
this summer +
on vacation. See
you next year.

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self

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 enough
 to say it's been
 real fun!
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 that came to
 town and agree
 your answer
 up and down!



Wilbur D.
Mills
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Coach Parks advises the Comet defensive line during a game. The 1987 Comet football team was one of the best Mills has ever seen!

Piecing it Together

Lisa Berry
Editor

It finally happened! After years of legal debate and organization, the "plan" was implemented.

The Pulaski County Special School District escaped consolidation, but not without some major effects. It seemed ironic that a plan that was initially called "consolidation" could cause such a dispersion of students.

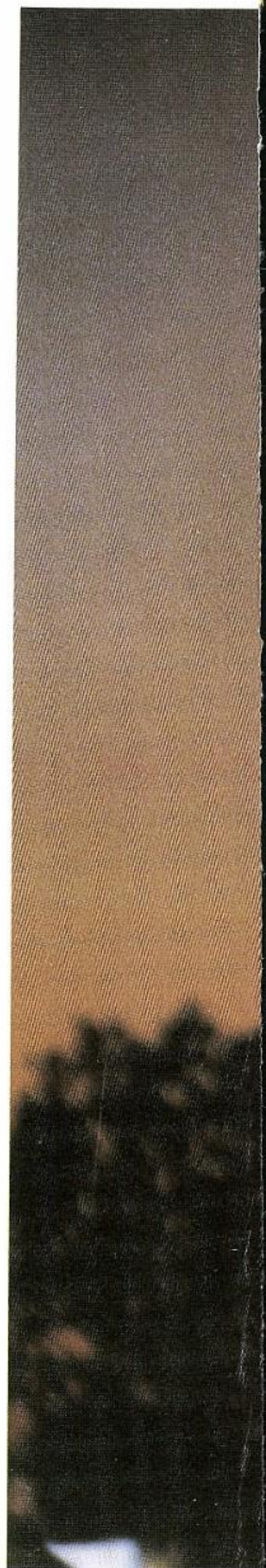
Students from seven other schools came together to form the "new" Mills High School. There were a few conflicts, but most students worked hard to develop a sense of unity.

"At first, I really didn't like the idea of so many different schools coming here, but I like it now. I'm glad they are here. But more importantly, I'm glad **I'm** here," Monica Johnson said.

The changes promised to make this year enjoyable, and if not enjoyable, at least interesting.

"This year has been a change for the better because I've had a chance to meet so many new people," Ryan McMurray said.

Slowly the pieces came together to form a fantastic year at Mills.





Performing at sunset during marching competition, Ginger Costley concentrates as she plays her flute. The band received a superior rating.

Dressed for the occasion, Tara Parrish is escorted by Dexter Bunting in the Football Homecoming Court.



The Big Picture

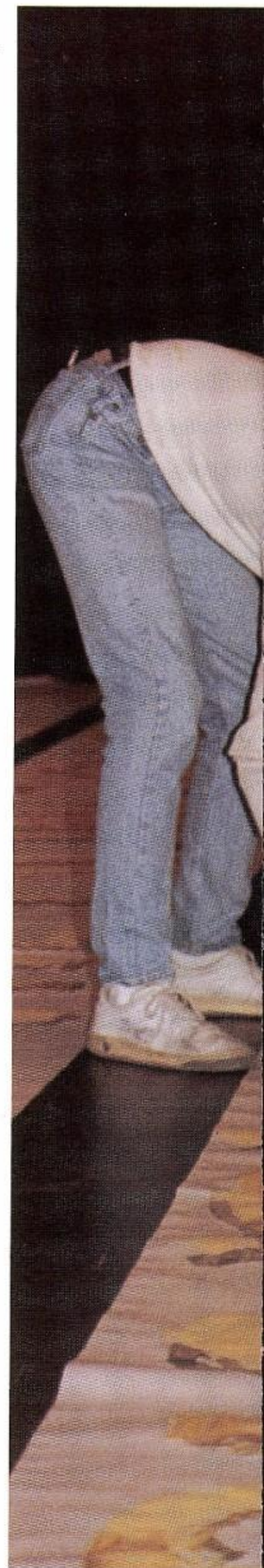
Holly Bramel
Co-Editor

At first nothing much exists in life outside of toys, Barbie dolls, and Sesame Street. When the years begin to roll on by students finally discover the necessities of life: rock music and dad's car.

The good things in life are not the only things that exist on Earth. There is one thing that unites every teenager to one another: School. This school year has been trying for both the students and faculty. Students from many different schools have come together to make up Mills.

"At first I didn't like it. That was because I didn't know anyone. After I started making friends it started getting fun. Now I like it as well as my old school," Melissa Yarberry said.

Many different people and many weird things make up a school, but once all these things get together in their right places they are brought together as one. They make one big picture of the life at Mills.





Tim Wadley and Tony Francis take art to a higher level as they make spirit banners to hang at the football games.

Jami Boyd gets fired up about the conference football games by blowing up green and gold balloons to use at the pep assemblies.



Summer Experiences

A lifetime of memories almost too much for words

Lisa Berry
Editor

"I can't believe you would spend your summer doing school work!"

"It wasn't really like school at all."

"But didn't you have morning classes and curfews?"

"Yeah, but if you only knew . . . I guess you had to be there!"

Some people found it surprising that students wanted to spend precious summer days in an educational environment. This summer students attended three educational programs: Arkansas Boy's State, Arkansas Girl's State, and Arkansas Governor's School.

Boy's State and Girl's State were week-long programs sponsored by the American Legion and Auxiliary to provide students with first-hand experience in the political process.

Delegates were divided into two political parties, and each lived in an imaginary city. Elections were held on the city, county, and state levels. The week culminated with the elected state officials presiding

at the capitol for a day.

"It felt great! While I was sitting in the House, I felt like I was really a state representative," Knoxie Hall said.

Not everyone was as impressed with the week.

"Girl's State was an honor and a once in a lifetime experience - the most horrible experience of my life!" Karen Shumaker said.

Girl's State delegates were Lisa Berry, Caroline Breashears, Gobrielle Fair, and Shelaine Moses. Treva Peyton, Karen Shumaker, Nita Simmons, and Kim Williams were also delegates.

Boy's State delegates were Kevin Coker, Keith Couch, Norman Dunn, and Knoxie Hall. Lang Kirshberger, Rusty Pifer, Jason Welch, and Steven Wilson were also delegates.

Five students chose to spend more than a week in summer studies. Lisa Berry, Caroline Breashears, Jennifer Jones, Treva Peyton, and Nita Simmons attended Arkansas Governor's School at Hendrix College. This five and a half week program exposed students from across the state to twentieth century ideas.

"AGS is known for its unique discussion sessions. The prominent

questions are 'Why?' and 'How do you know?' — not 'You're wrong because I disagree'," Caroline Breashears said.

Each AGS student had a major area of study known as Area I. In addition to two area I classes, students had an Area II class in logic and an Area III class in psychology and personal development.

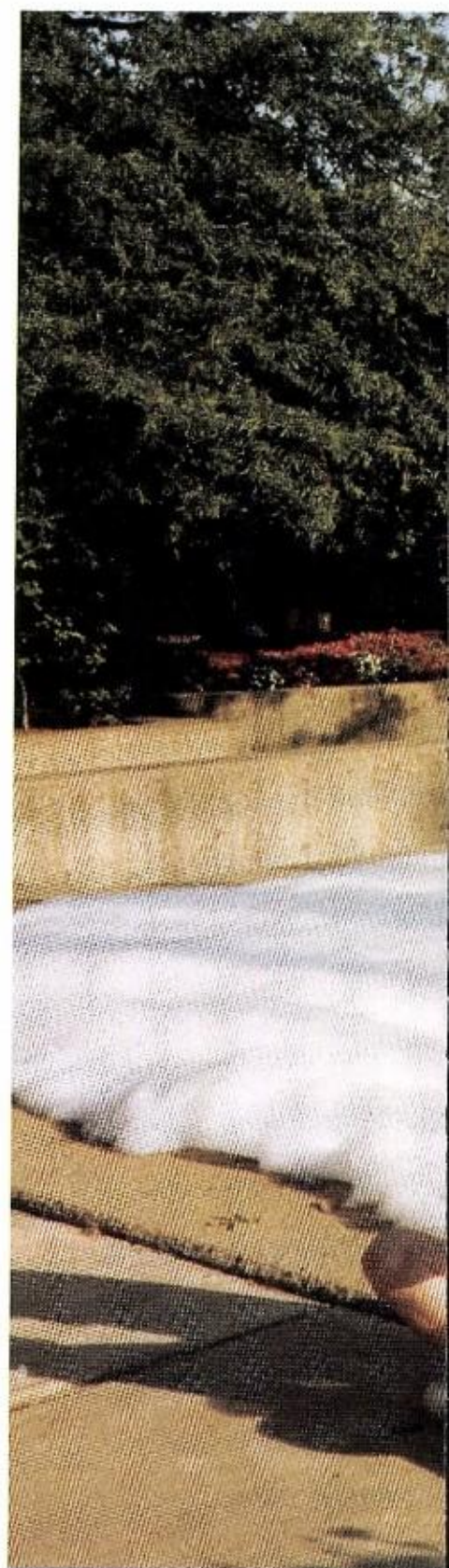
"My Area I, Visual Arts, opened new worlds for me. At AGS I was able to create and express freely works that I wouldn't create normally," Treva Peyton said.

Despite classes five and a half days a week, the AGS students kept pace with a full calendar of social events. The closeness the 400 students felt with each other and the faculty provided an environment open to entertaining new ideas.

"AGS was so different from anywhere else! We all became so close in a short time. I really miss sitting in top of the library at night, just talking or listening to music," Jennifer Jones said.

Memories of these summer activities, new people, and awful campus food will remain - for better or worse - for a long time to come.

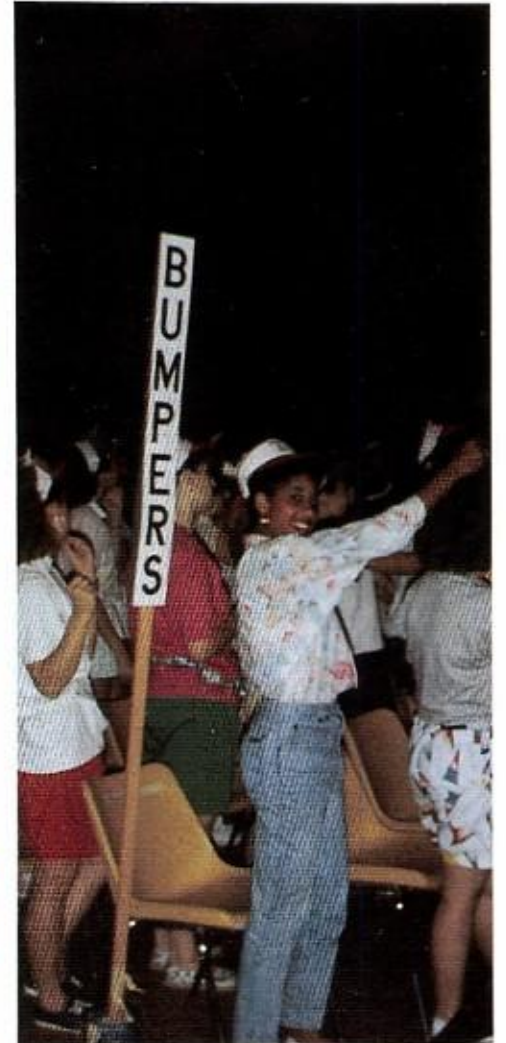
(Duck and Cover!!)





Suds and Bubbles! Lisa Berry and Nita Simmons admire the mysterious soap bubbles in the fountain at Governor's School.

Treva for mayor! Treva Peyton cheers for fellow party members at Girl's State. Treva was elected mayor of her city, Bumpers.



How much time? Kim Williams savors her few moments of free time at Girl's State and counts the hours until the next break.

Having a ball! The Governor's School crew poses for a picture after hosting Mrs. Whitfield for a Saturday afternoon picnic.

Not much atmosphere! Caroline Breashears surveys the stark surrounding of the dorms at Girl's State.

Just a Set of Wheels

Cruising Cars Can Mean More in Life Than a Ride Home

Keith Wheeler
Staff

Screeching tires, roaring engines, the smell of burnt rubber. A formula one race? Is it the Indy 500?

No, these are just the typical sights and sounds associated with anywhere teens have their cars. Cars are more than just a way to get around. They are an important part of life.

Cars are a symbol of

freedom. It is important to keep them running well so they can serve their purpose. Some people leave it up to their parents to take care of their cars. Other students prefer to work on their cars themselves.

"I put all new stuff on my engine to try to prevent problems," James Fowler said.

Cars are essential to many students. Commuting to and from school, going on dates, and just cruising around are basic needs of students. Having a car fulfills these needs.

"Little Rock is too far to ride a bike," Lang Kirshberger said.

On Geyer Springs, cars

are status symbols. Trans Ams, Firebirds, sportscars, and other good looking cars are favorites of the cruisers.

"I like Geyer Springs because I like cars alot. That's where anybody with a nice car or truck goes. I see it as a place to show off what you are proud of. It's kind of like a moving car show," Larry Thompson said.

The engines still roar and cars are a big part of life. For necessity, and for fun, cars are much more than just a set of wheels.

More than just a set of wheels? A car becomes a chair as a bunch of the guys relax together. Cars often become a centerpiece for everything.





Anything that was just a set of wheels wouldn't be this hot, would it? Mills is often graced by the appearance of fancy sportscars.

"Just keep running long enough to get me home!" says Mitch Gates as he gets in his Ford to head home. Cars make a great way to get to school.



Brian Linn



Brian Linn

Jennifer Jones gets ready to leave. A car is much better than the bus. "Do we take our cars for granted? No, we wouldn't do that. But then again..."

Can this cruiser be considered to be friendly? A common but unwelcome sight, cop cars are much more than just four wheels.

Special Tribute

Nineteen Seniors' Honor Nineteen Years of Teaching

Chad Pifer
Org. Editor

Hundreds of students crammed into the gym cheering and yelling getting the football team fired up for a victory over Pine Bluff. The odds were greatly against us but everyone had that winning feeling in them.

The pep assembly was set into motion with a cheer from the cheerleaders and, then the ceremonies began, as the nineteen Senior football players escorted the

Homecoming maids.

Traditionally there isn't a Homecoming Queen, but this year was an exception. Mrs. Clarice Hightower was named Honorary Queen in recognition of her nineteen years of love and devotion to Mills.

"Being named Honorary Queen made the years of working, teaching, heartaches, and happiness that I've had with students spring forth into one happy dream: Knowing that I was loved and appreciated," Mrs. Hightower said.

As the sun set in the west and the day came to an end the time for the big game arrived and excitement filled the air. One by one the fans filed into the dark stadium, due to a

power shortage that delayed the game for an hour.

After the lights were fixed, the fans began cheering and yelling the team on to victory.

"The fans play an important part in the games. The more support that the team receives from the students makes the team play harder," Brian Heavener said.

As the night came to an end the Comets added a great victory to their record, with the defeat of Pine Bluff 10-6.

"It was a great game. I didn't know if we were going to be able to win, but the team played a great game and we won," Bryant Steele said.



Cindy Hope

Aaron Glass gives Darrel Richards a "hi-five" after the Comets scored a touchdown, while Brian Heavener looks onward at the game.

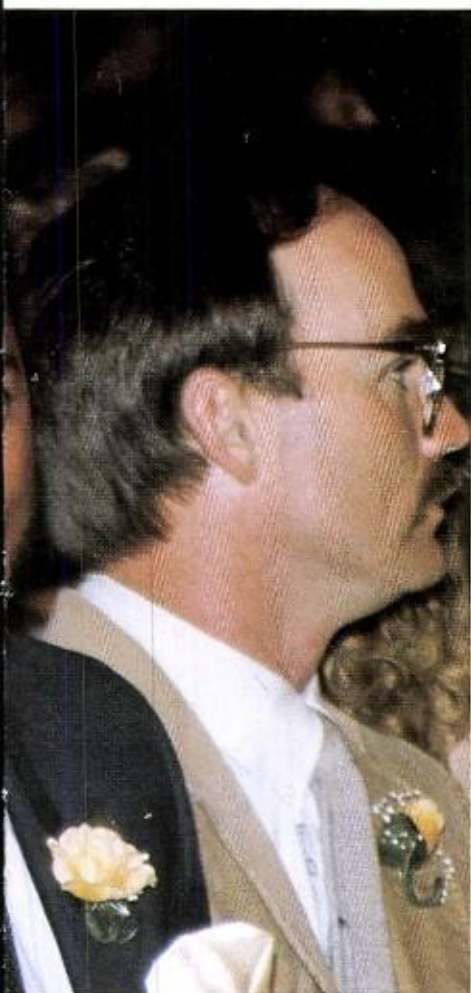
Mrs. Hightower talks to Mr. Barnes after being named Honorary Homecoming Queen, while coach Pip Runyan looks onward at the Homecoming court.





Two student council representatives have the honors of handing out the flowers to the maids as the maids prepare to walk down the aisle at the ceremonies.

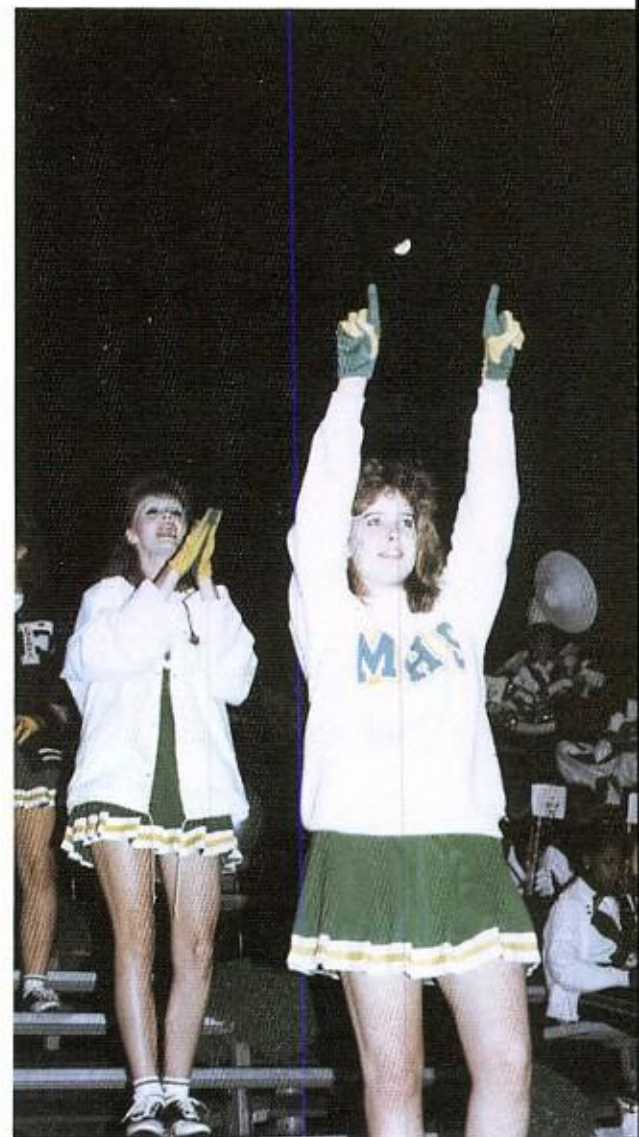
Shelly Stovall and Teresa Hill help to cheer the Comets on to another victory against the Pine Bluff Zebras.



Mike Horton



The football team and fans run anxiously to the center of the field to congratulate on winning 10-6 over the Pine Bluff Zebras.



Cindy Hope

Cindy Hope

Born Too Soon!!!!!!

Holidays bring food and rest to students.

Holly Bramel
Co-Editor

Halloween in September? Thanksgiving in October? Christmas and New Years in November? Holidays don't come at their traditional times anymore, not since stores were invented. Holidays are delivered at least a month premature.

"You go into the stores in November and

they already have Christmas trees out. It's really pretty but sometimes you get tired of the holidays before they even get here. I think they push it too soon," Jaime Gattrell said.

Even though the stores and press may overdo the holiday seasons, they still hold special places in the hearts of some. They are reasons for families to get together.

"Thanksgiving this year is going to be really special. My brother and his wife are coming in from Florida. I haven't seen them in a while. Thanksgiving could not be any more perfect,"

Kristy McCoy said.

The Holidays not only bring people together from far away, but they also stimulate the taste buds.

"It seems like the only thing I do at holidays is eat. There is just so much food. You can't help yourself," Venita Deadman said.

The Holidays culminate after months of preparations, leaving everyone with full stomachs and holiday feeling. These extra things make the days missed from school even more enjoyable.



Brian Linn

Kristy Thomas shows a wondering person the different types of trees and lights. Christmas trees are a big part of the holiday seasons.

Marcy Woods eagerly reads her Halloween candy grams. The candy grams were sold and distributed by the Junior Cabinet to fund the Junior-Senior Prom.



Brian Linn

Shelves and shelves of Christmas reindeer fill the stores weeks before Christmas. Stores begin stocking their shelves months before Christmas.



Mike Horton

Guess who I am, man or beast? Tom Martin gets in the Halloween spirit by sporting a werewolf mask. Masks dominated Halloween costumes.

Catch The Spirit

A hundred encouraging cheers come from the crowd.

Erik Swafford
People Editor

The dark, humid gym is silent. Then, a rumble is heard in the distance. A loud roar shatters the silence. Hundreds of excited teenagers mob into the gym. Excitement bubbles and it is obvious that a new spirit is born.

The spirit lived because

the Comets returned to the top. Spirit was a major part of the school activities because it generated excitement.

"I think it is important because it shows school pride. It makes a school look good to others," Sheilaine Moses said.

Pep assemblies were the center of spirit and with each pep assembly, the spirit grew. The assemblies triggered a spirit unseen for several years.

"I love pep assemblies because you can yell and show your support for the team," Shelly Carter said.

Among all the "Yeah's", "Yippie's", and the "Go Comets Go's", it's hard to find a definition of spirit. Is it yelling for the team? Whistling? Spitting? Painting your body green and gold?

"Spirit is a rush of excitement you feel when your team makes a touchdown," Gobrielle Fair said.

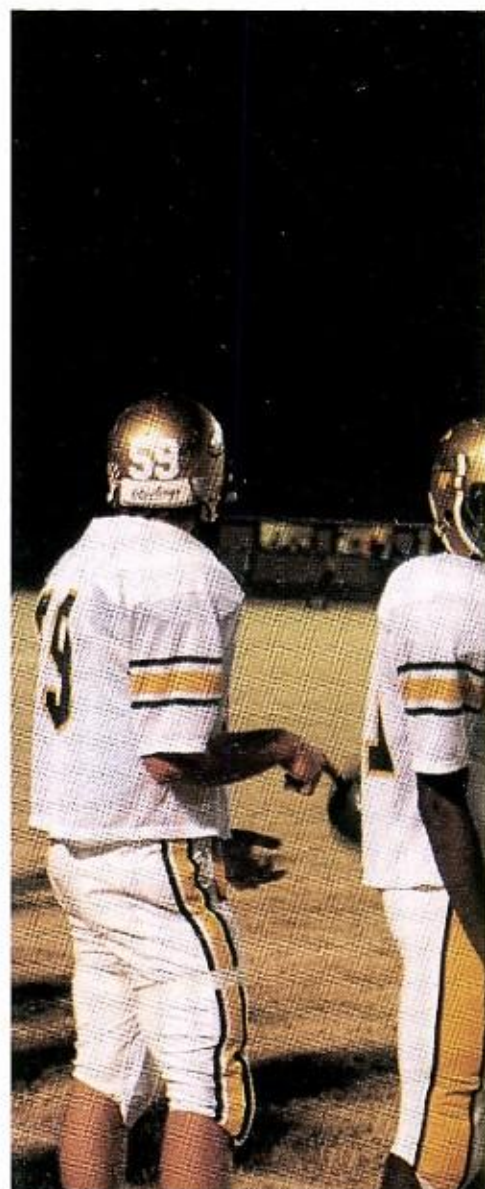
The spirit is important and whether or not it's strong or weak, it will never disappear. The spirit is what this year was all about - coming together as one.



Suvikki Honkkilä

Some students will do anything in school spirit. These students wave a special flag that attracts many cheers.

The football players discuss the last play. The success of the football team was the main reason there was so much spirit.



Mike Horton

Mrs. Hightower, the honorary homecoming queen at this year's homecoming assembly strolls down the path with Mr. Barnes.





Brian Linn

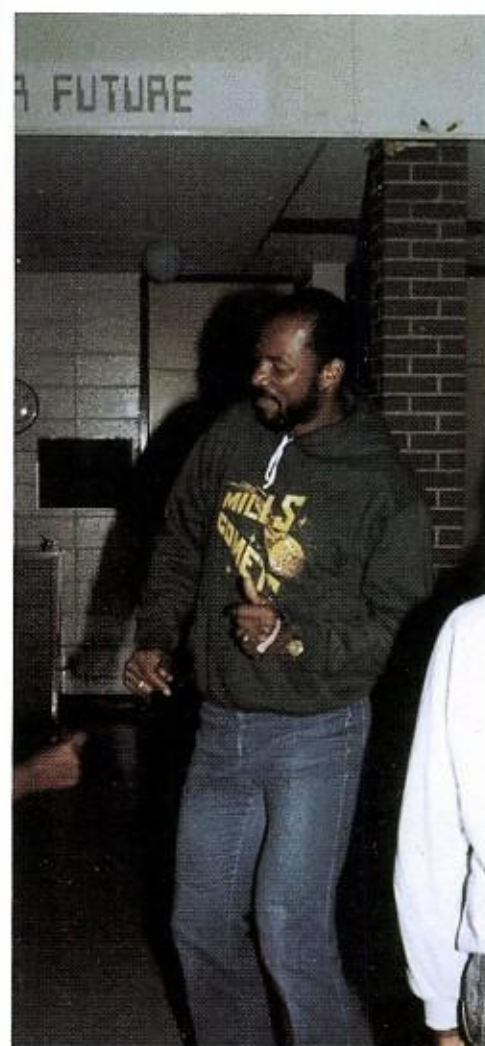
Spirit fills the commons as several balloons are kicked from table to table. Spirit was everywhere before football games.

The drill team prove that they are one of the most important spirit groups as they help fill the gym with cheers and applause.



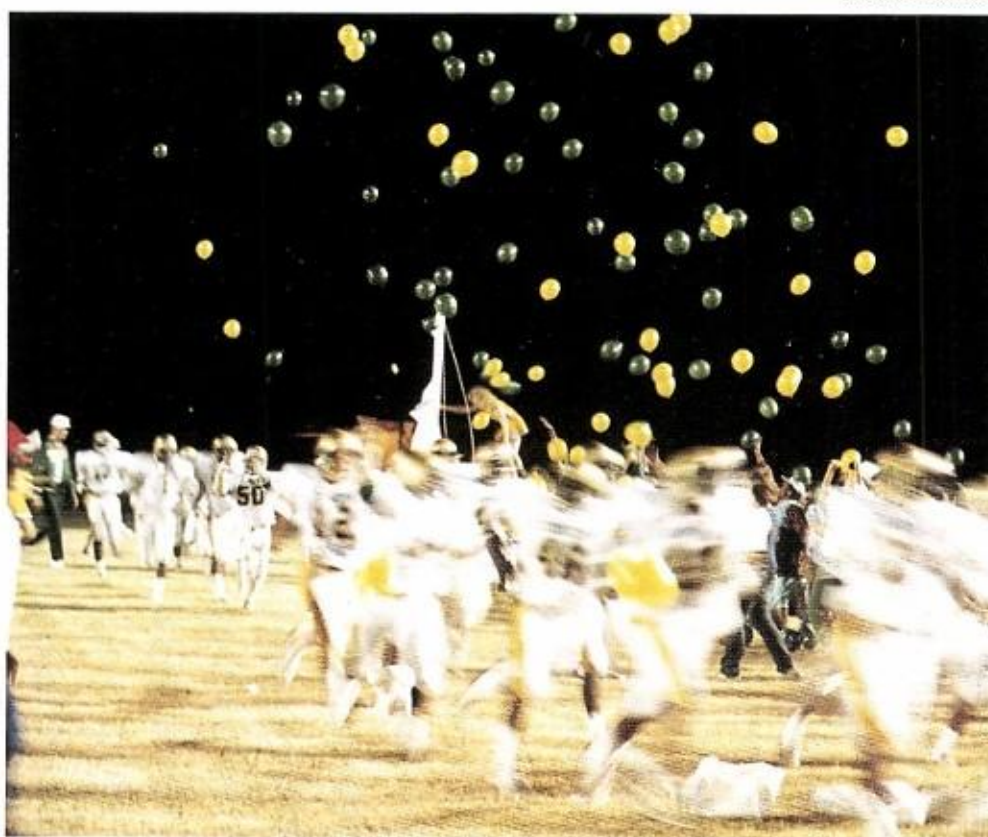
Suvikki Honkkila

Mr. Barnes gets into the groove with students at the dance following Mills' exciting and glorious homecoming victory.



Brian Linn

Hundreds of green and gold balloons cover the atmosphere as the football team tears into the stadium at the McClellan game.



Brian Linn

Drill Team member Stacy Bisbee struts to the beat and helps bring spirit into the gym during a pep assembly.



Mike Horton



Mike Horton

I want to Escape!

It's about time to beam me up, Scottie!

Kim Ferrell

Staff

Where's the bus? It should be here any minute, it just has to be. No show. It's still first period but the bus is 45 minutes late. What to do, what to do? Okay, it's second period, I'll give it 5 more minutes then I'll prepare for the panic stages. It's third period, now I'm panicked just as my teacher is handing out his test ... "Excuse me teachers. Please dismiss all students going on the field trip to the bus loading area now. Thank you."

Seeing a student who is excited about going to school is seeing someone

who is probably going on an all-day field trip. There are many places to go on a field trip - the arts center, a play, a bank or spending the day "shadowing" a professional. Field trips should be "fun" but with a school field trip there should be something to be learned.

"Field trips are really enjoyable for people who want to see what really goes on at a job or a place of business," James Jefferson said.

For teachers there were many things involved in the planning of field trips. Finding the perfect place to go, filling out endless amounts of paper work and finding capable chaperons were just a few of the experiences these teachers faced.

"Gaining information outside of the classroom

can be beneficial and it shows a student learning doesn't have to be confined to the classroom," Mrs. Suedmeyer said.

Field trips offered students a chance to put away the books and get some first-hand experience at what is really going on or just learn something new.

"I like field trips because you get a chance to get away from school and have fun in the process of learning," Monica Johnson said.

Field trips broaden the minds of students with background information about things that are important to them but they also are an excellent way of escape.

Scott Sprague "shadows" a professional at the Arkansas Democrat on a journalism field trip to gain an understanding of a newspaper.



Kelly Tolefree notices some unusual photographs that seem to interest her during a field trip to the Outreach through Art Studio.

Mrs. Wilcox and students view pictures at an art exhibit of Andy Kilgore's work. Many students were taken on this field trip.



Scott Sprague



Scott Sprague



Scott Sprague

While on a field trip, Kelly Tolefree, a true animal lover, comes out of the closet as she demonstrates her love for adorable dogs.

On a field trip, Mrs. Wilcox and Karla Heffington view "Dogs of War" at the art exhibit *Urbi et Orbi* at the Main-street Mall.

What's Cooking

Our senses help us choose what to munch for lunch.

Colette Miller
Staff

The aroma is overwhelming. Steam slowly slipping from the pots in the kitchen. Scents float in the air, finding the most sensitive noses. Then suddenly the bell rings, telling all that lunch is ready. This happens everyday at school, but not all students take this route. They have a choice to buy lunch at school or bring their lunch, most tend to buy the fries and cokes while a select few decide to bring sack lunches.

"I bring a sack lunch because I'm a health nut and I like to eat nutritious

foods. I know it's different, but that's how I feel." Lang Kirshberger said.

Reasons for students not buying the school plate lunch are quite unusual, but make a strong point.

"In elementary school, when you had to eat lunch there you had a lunch tray, and the plate lunches come on the same type of tray. Nobody wants to look like an elementary student. Plus it makes you look like your mother is feeding you." Dean Lewis said.

Still some students overlook the "elementary syndrome" and buy it because it is the best thing served. The basic four food groups are proportionately represented. Eating right is essential for everyone, but making

yourself do that is different.

"I wanted a variety of foods. Knowing that I was eating right made me feel good about buying the plate lunch. The food is not the best, but it does fulfill the need for a well-balanced meal." Michael Cole said.

The battle goes on day after day. The cafeteria's main purpose is to provide nutritional meals for the students. They fulfill their calling, but not many students participate in that part of the program. The selling of fries and cokes far out number the sell of fruits and plate lunches, but ultimately it is the student's choice.

Boy this stuff sure is good, Mr. Smith looks intent on eating his homemade lunch, in the teacher's lounge.

Muncha, buncha, muncha, bunch! Beau Judkins looks like he's really enjoying that pizza. This is a favorite food of most students at lunch time.



Brian Linn



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What a mess! Teachers aren't the only ones who don't pick up after themselves. This really shows a typical day in the teacher's lunch room.



Brian Linn



Brian Linn

Aw, isn't that sweet? Remonica Robie and Tony Rainey always seem to be sharing things, and lunch should be no exception.

Making Your Way

Congested hallways become a major concern.

Colette Miller

Staff

Congested hallways have been a constant problem faced every day by students at Mills. The bumping and pushing have gotten quite violent at times. Overcrowding is definitely the problem. Question is - what is the solution?

"Have a traffic system where you have one line walking one way and another line walking the other way with a section off to the side for people who want to talk. The punishment for disobeying would be small, nothing serious," Mitch Gates said.

This situation has always been an annoyance, and

picking a solution should be so simple. It's not! Problems that occur are due mostly to people who block lockers, and therefore delay other students from obtaining the necessary books to continue their normal routine.

"What I hate about the hallways, in between classes, is that there are always a group of guys standing at my locker talking, and they are kinda stubborn, about moving. Especially because my locker is on the bottom," Alvin Jackson said.

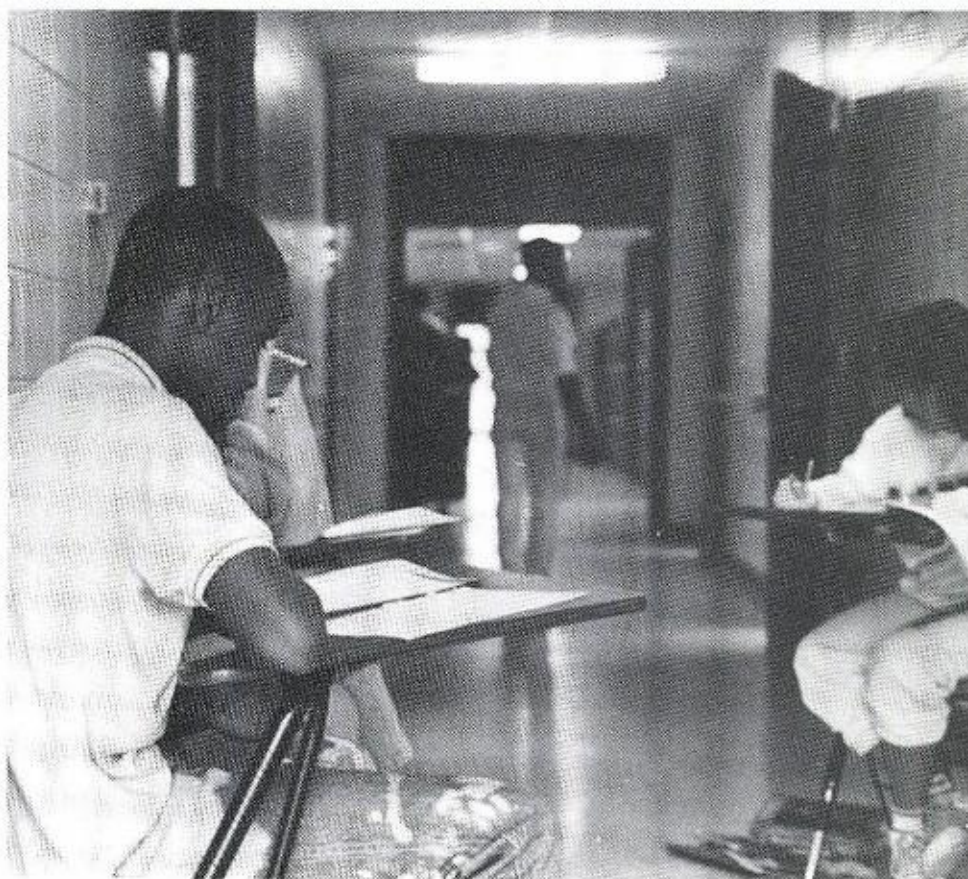
This is not a one day occurrence, but happens everyday of every week. Surprisingly, the number of people that do this are few, but they bunch together and cause a great many problems for a great many students.

"I think when students

come from their classes they should just go to their locker and get their books. When they get to their class, they can talk to their friends. If they really want to talk to someone who isn't in their class they could write that person a note," Anita Patrick said.

The student body will have to make the final decision on what they do, but obviously something must be done. The students that participate in this activity seem to enjoy it, but being considerate of others is equally important.

Hallways are necessary for our transportation from one class to another, so having the best possible atmosphere there can actually benefit everyone in the end.



Some students, like Marlen James and Kim Sullivan, are fortunate enough to enjoy a view with which to do their long awaited homework.

Brian Linn



Pushing candy, not drugs, is very popular at our school. Billy Goston gets a customer as James Byers decided to buy a bar.

Tony Frances gets down in the halls, by the commons, dancing a full fifteen minute period given to the students by Mr. Barnes.



Brian Linn



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Jackie Smith walks quickly to her locker soon after the bell rings to avoid the masses of people who constantly crowd the halls.

The Moment Of Truth

Low lying clouds or have we been rolled?

Mike Horton

Staff

Many times during one's life, one faces many moments of truth. It may be that march down the aisle at a wedding ceremony. It may be awaiting the decision on whether or not that car loan goes through. It may be awaiting the outcome of a job application. It may even be awakening on a Saturday or Sunday morning to see whether the entire front

yard has been rolled, or in other words, decorated beautifully in long streaming laces of toilet paper.

"Rolling is great, man. Gettin' people back is what it's all about," Kirk Pierce said.

Many people find rolling a popular pastime. Rolling presents a fun way to kid friends and antagonize enemies. However, it also presents danger - the danger of getting caught. If caught, the current fines are fifty dollars per roll, which can get expensive on a seventy roll job.

"I like rolling. It can be fun, as long as you don't get caught," Kim Marshall

said.

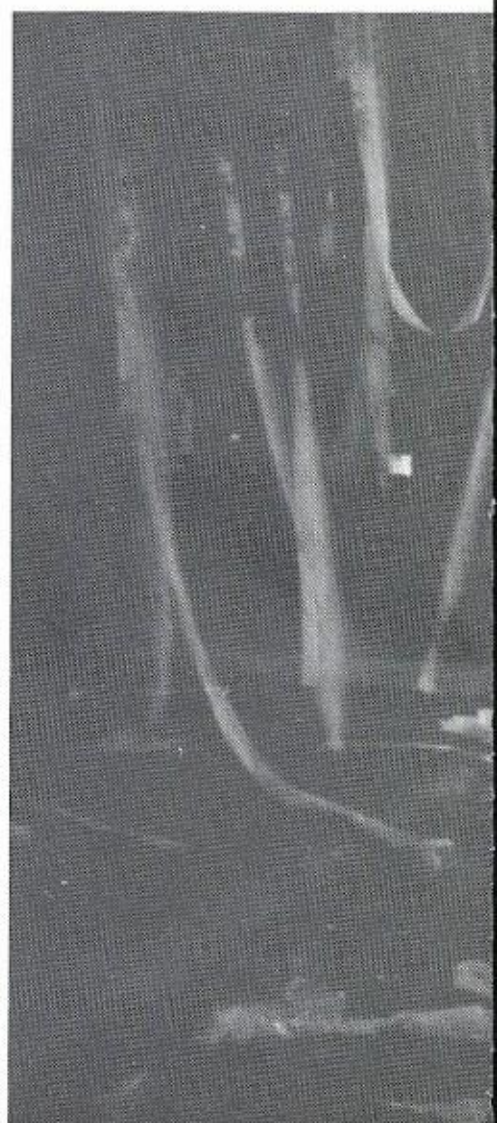
Rollers often refer to themselves by different names. Such names include the Roll Patrol and "exterior decorators." The names, though, mean little. What counts is the quality of the job; what counts is what happens in that moment of truth when one sees the final result.

Brian Heavener and Mike Horton complete an afternoon rolling job in the front parking lot on Senior Suzanne Melton's car.

The completed work of the Roll Patrol streams from a tree in the front yard of Stephanie Wilburn in one of many Roll Patrol events this year.

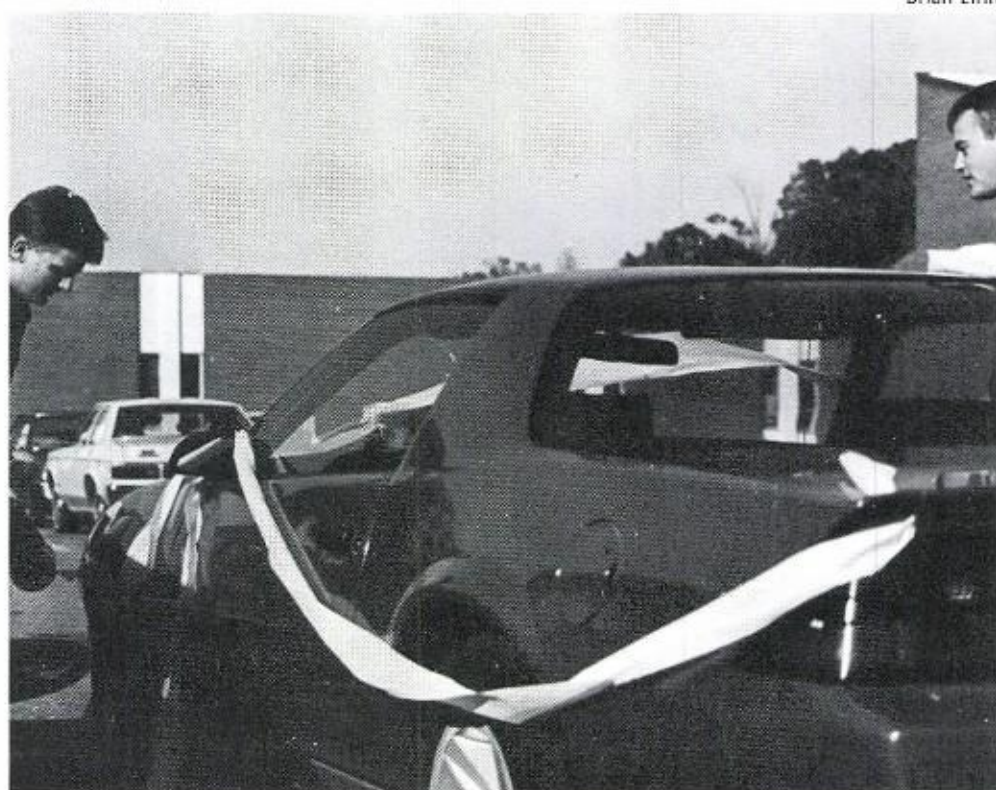


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The actions of the Roll Patrol start to take shape high in a tree located in Stephanie Wilburn's front yard earlier this year.

Seniors Kevin Coker and Brian Heaven skillfully work at the art of rolling, using Suzanne Melton's car to practice.

Rolling 23

A Piece of the Action

Holly Bramel

Co-Editor

Adrenalin is pumping ninety to nothing and the shouting and cheering of C-C-Com is deafening. At any sporting event, from volleyball to basketball, you will hear those magic words and feel that emotion.

"I think that when you get all of the students at a game you have unity. You can feel everybody getting into the game. It's really exciting," LaNelle Johnson said.

Sports are not just activities that the student body just goes to anymore. It is also a section in the yearbook.

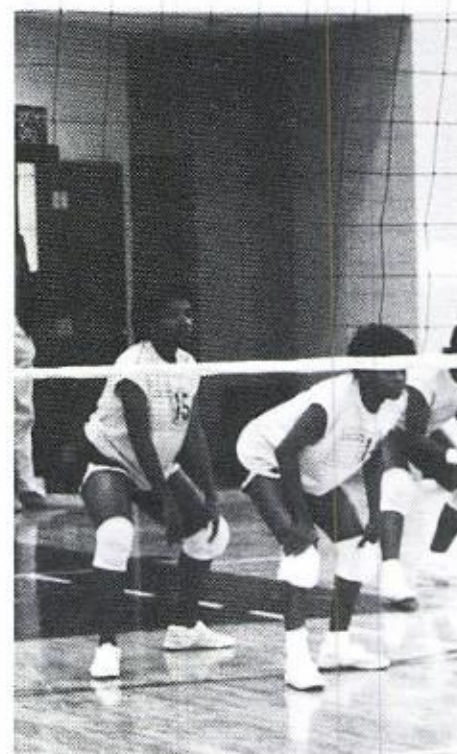
"Sports is my favorite section of the yearbook, because I like sports and I like it when we have a winning team," Jeremy Lewis said.

School consist of all those major subjects: English, chemistry, biology, and history but the sports activities are just as important, if not more important, to the student body. English and other classes teach you things that you need to know but sports give you a piece of the action.



Shelaine Moses and other teammates eagerly await the return of the volleyball during the early conference games.

Angela Kendrick pops and flashes her stuff as she performs a pom-pom routine during a basketball assembly.



Brian Linn

Cindy Hepe

Division 25



Football



The Reconstruction period relived

Mike Horton
Sports Editor

Reconstruction: The time period following the Civil War. It can be said that this was a time the South put its pieces back together. In much the same way, the Comet football team fitted the pieces back together this year. When the puzzle was complete, the Comets had come away with a second place finish in the conference and a visit to the state playoffs.

"One of the biggest changes between this year and last year was this year

we have the right attitude about working and practicing," Tony Foust said.

This year's team compiled an 8-3 record, including a 5-0 mark against non-conference opponents. One of the most impressive wins was a 39-0 shutout of Marianna. The Comets then continued into their conference schedule defeating Parkview, Hall, and Pine Bluff, but fell short in losses to McClellan and Catholic. The second place finish in the conference gave Mills the right to face Fort Smith Northside in the first

round of the playoffs.

"I think that the real story was that we motivated each other this year, which is something we didn't do last year," Dexter Bunting said.

When all the consolidation puzzle pieces were in place, Mills had an impressive number of 80 young men to turn out for football. This provoked a sense of spirit among the players known as Comet Pride. Comet Pride turned into Comet wins, and the Mills football program had been put back together again.





Mike Horton

A faithful Comet takes a second out of practice to catch his breath in the practice at War Memorial Stadium prior to the Catholic game.

Running back Terrence Cobbs heads out of the backfield and into the hands of the defense with teammate Robert Ricks in front as a blocker.



Mike Horton

Mills Comet Football

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us		them
21	Ole Main	14
14	Sylvan Hills	7
13	Jacksonville	9
39	Marianna	0
31	Watson Chapel	14
19	Hall	14
9	McClellan	13
13	Catholic	30
10	Pine Bluff	6
22	Parkview	0
6	FS Northside	17



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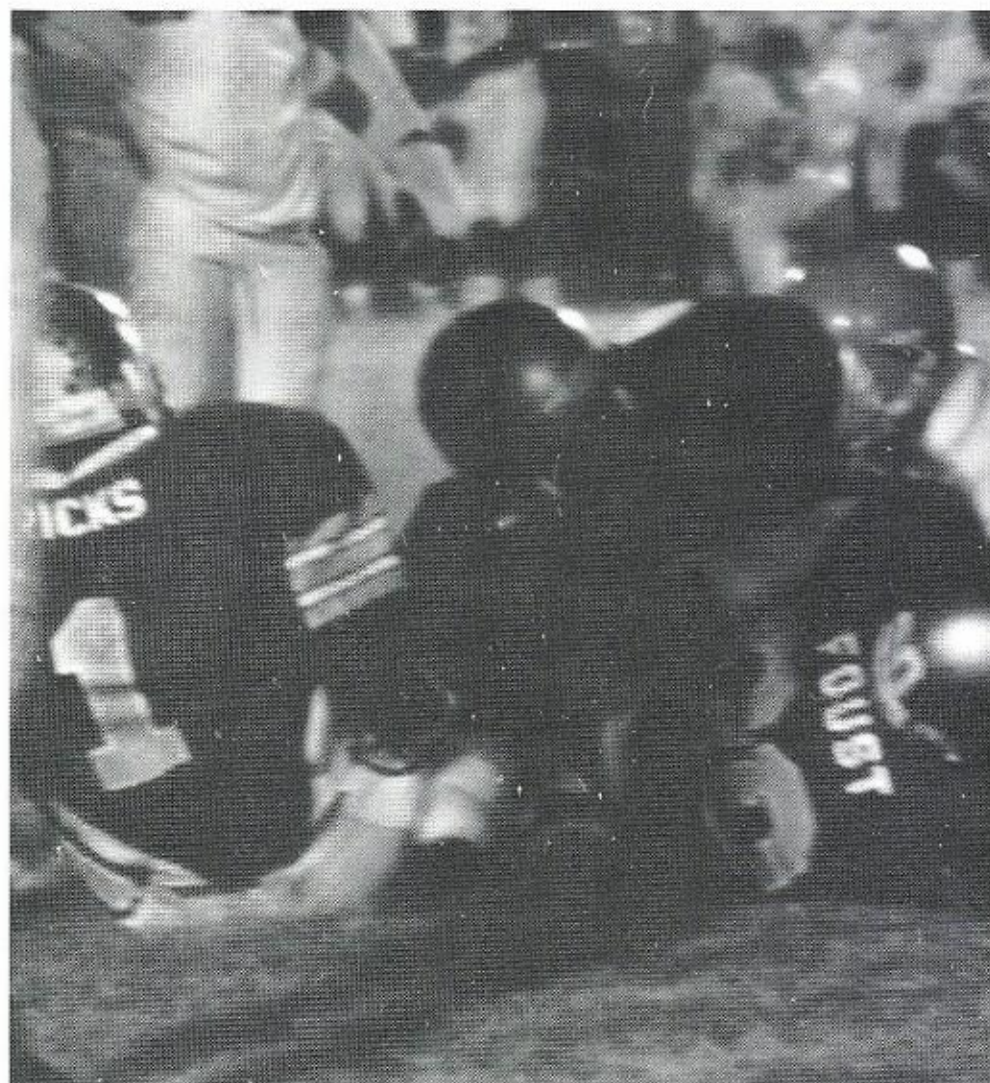
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As his offensive line slowly closes around him, senior quarterback Jason Welch steps back to throw a pass.

Senior Terrence Cobbs rambles to the right side for a long yardage run in a regular season game this year.

Several injured players lay heaped in a pile after the completion of a play during the dramatic football game against Hall.

Junior Aron Glass holds an ice pack on an injured knee while on the sidelines watching the playoff game against FS Northside.



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Injuries

The bad part of the Comet storyline

Mike Horton
Sports Editor

In most good books or movies, there's a good part and a bad part. The good part is usually when good finally triumphs over evil. The bad part is generally just something that happens along the way, such as an injury. This year's Comet team had their fair share of bad parts, but not in any way were these novel injuries.

"I was really excited about playing, but I was sorry that Jason got hurt. I felt I did a pretty good job," Caleb Kerr said.

These injuries played a key part in deciding the fate of the team's record. In the Comets' two conference losses, tailback Robert Ricks was out with an injury. For a large part of the season, the Comets shuffled around players to replace our many centers. Several other players landed on the injured list: Knoxville Hall, Keith Robinson, Aron Glass, and Kevin Ward. The final injuring blow was scored when starting quarterback Jason Welch was injured.

"The worst part was getting all the way to the

playoffs and then getting injured and not being able to play," Aron Glass said.

In the end, the Comet injuries healed. There was both sadness and happiness in this; happiness because they were healed, but sadness because the healing came too late. As unhappy as the players might have been with their various injuries, a therapy **was** found: a visit to the state playoffs.

Many Comet football players stretch before an intense practice in a measure to prevent future injuries on the field.





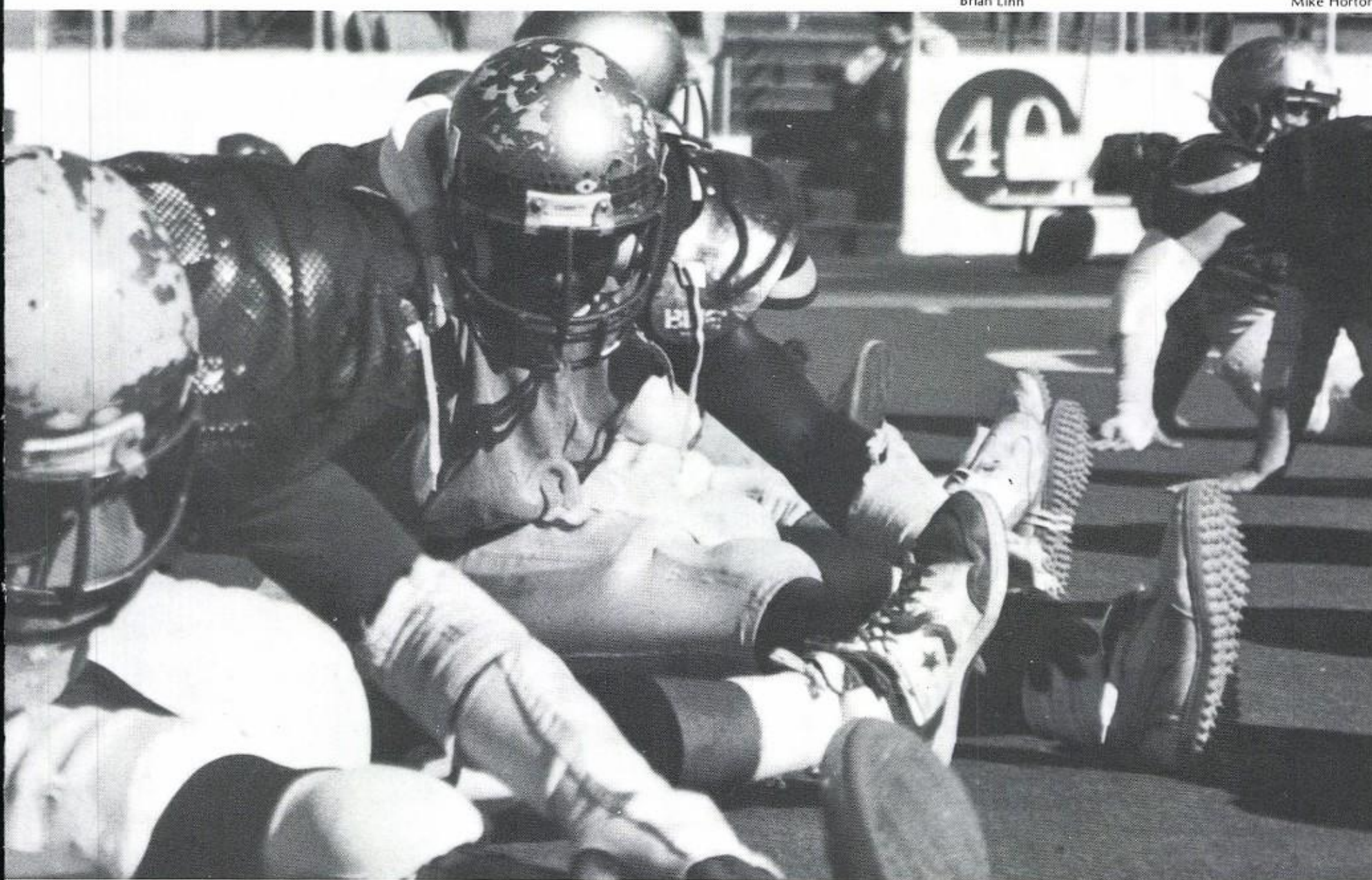
Two injured Comet players discuss their various injuries on the sidelines between plays during the Sylvan Hills game.

A midseason knee injury leaves senior Brian Heavener as only a spectator for the last half of the 1988 football season.



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Volleyball



A Change for the Better Wins Conference Title

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

We all know the old saying, "Things get better with age." This expression has become a reality for the Lady Comets.

The Lady Comets started the '87-88 season under the direction of coach Cherie Walker who coached at Sylvan Hills last year.

"Coach Walker is a great coach. I think that she made a lot of difference in the way we played. She is just a great person in every way," Shelaine Moses said.

During the course of

their season the Lady Comets were only defeated four times. Their all-around record was 9-4. During conference play they were 6-1, only losing to Bryant.

This year the Lady Comets achieved numerous awards. They were first in the conference, second in the district. Coach Walker received an award for best coach in the district, and Tracy Smith and Shelaine Moses were selected as all-conference players. Tracy Smith was also selected for the all-state team.

"I think that being selected to all-conference and all-state was a great feeling of accomplishment for the three years of hard work that I've devoted to the team," Tracy Smith said.

The team is made up of six returning seniors, three juniors, and two sophomores. The managers of the team are Gabrielle Fair and Renae Bunting.

"The one thing that has helped us a lot is our togetherness as a team," Andrea Rainey said.



Andrea Rainey returns the serve to the Patriots, while Denise King, Catrice Walker and Robbie Kelly look on and wait for the return serve.



Tracy Smith presents Mr. Barnes and the student body the awards that they won during the season at an early morning pep assembly.

Lady Comets Volleyball

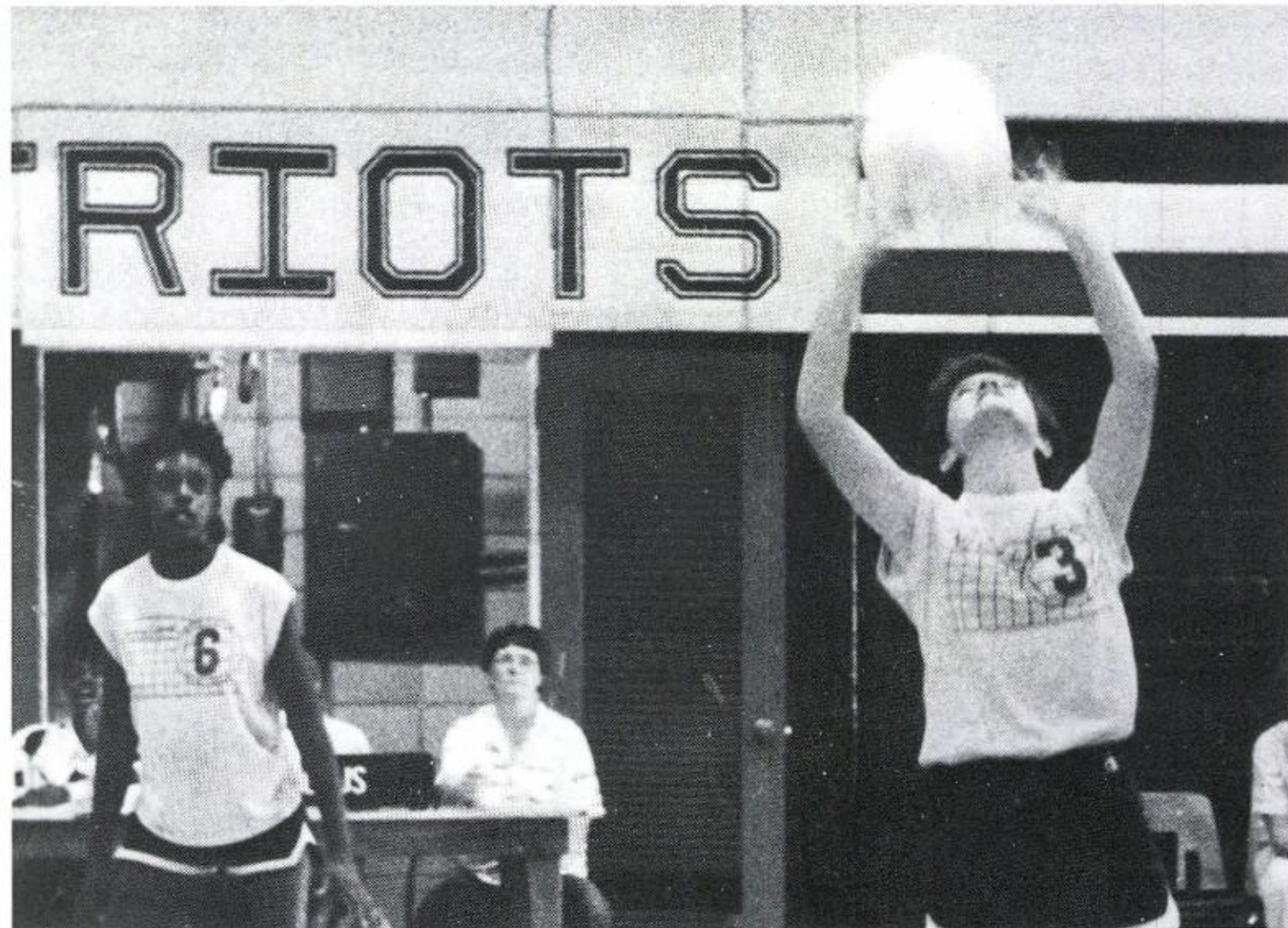
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McClellan	0	2
Mt. St. Mary's	0	2
Parkview	2	0
Bryant	0	2
Texarkana	2	0
Mt. St. Mary's	2	1
Hall	2	0
Sylvan Hills	2	0
McClellan	2	0
Parkview	2	0
Bryant	0	2
Oak Grove	2	0

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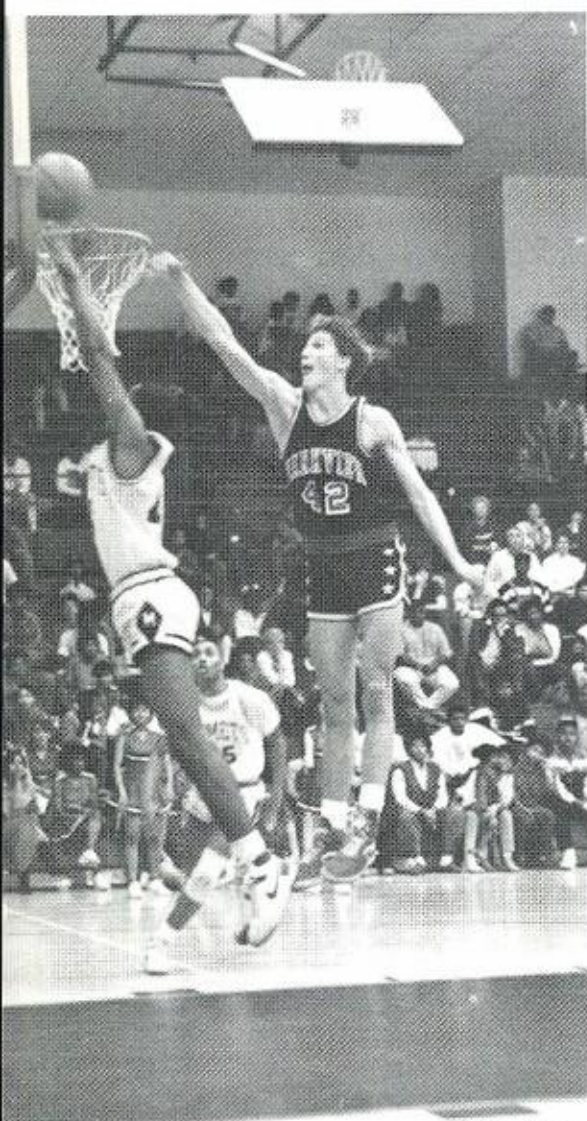


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Vicki Langford prepares herself for the serve in hopes of returning the ball and scoring a point for the Lady Comets while playing against Parkview.

Denise King sets the ball so that Catrice Walker will be able to hit the ball back as they play the Parkview Patriots.

Ronnie Robinson goes for two points with a lay-up while playing against the Parkview Patriots at home, and Steven Wilson awaits for the rebound.



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Kim Barkins goes up for a jump shot while the opponent tries to steal the ball in hopes of scoring points for his own team.



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Point guard, Edward McClain looks out on the court to find an open man to get the ball in bounds to score points for a victory.



Basketball



A Season of Victory, Defeat and Excitement

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

What sport has driving force that brings excitement onto the court with the fans yelling "dunk it" and "slam it." Of course, it could only be Comet Basketball.

This year the Comet Basketball team received a new coach, Coach Mobley. The Comet's season got off to a slow start. Throughout the season the Comets brought victory, defeat, and excitement.

"I feel that we would have done a lot better in the beginning of the year if I had had a longer time to get to know the team. Now that we have gotten to know each other we are doing a lot better," Coach Mobley said.

Many of the players feel that Coach Mobley has helped them out in their playing.

"Coach Mobley has taught us how to be responsible," Ronnie Robinson said.

Even though the team

didn't do exceptionally well during the season, many of the players feel that this is the best ball club to come through Mills.

"I have enjoyed playing basketball the last six years. It has given me a chance to prove my abilities to those who have doubted me. Even though our record doesn't show how good we are this year, I feel that this is the best ball club that ever came through Mills, I feel good about our team and the success we have had," Steven Wilson said.



Mike Horton

Mills Comet Basketball

scores
non-conference

	Us	Them
Central	60	57
Central	40	54
Sylvan Hills	86	75
Watson Chapel	59	67
Northeast	55	61
Sylvan Hills	51	50
Northeast	52	68
J. A. Fair	58	48
Sylvan Hills	51	50
Watson Chapel	37	40
Bryant	35	49
Benton	49	58
Bryant	53	49
conference		
Parkview	84	80
Pine Bluff	41	38
Catholic	46	53
Hall	41	56
McClellan	56	46



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Steven Wilson practices on his bends and aims as he concentrates long and hard to score points from the free throw line after being fouled.

Coach Mobley calls time out as the players gather in a huddle to discuss and plan more plays to run against the opposite team and score.

A group of Seniors curiously sit and watch the Basketball Homecoming during and early morning pep assembly before the Pine Bluff game.

Regina Kendrick leads the student body in the National Anthem during the Basketball Homecoming Ceremonies to end the pep assembly.



Basketball Homecoming

Felicia Bunting

Staff

Colors of pink and gray decorated the ceremony to honor the senior girls and boys basketball teams. "We've Only Just Begun," was the theme for the 1988 Basketball Homecoming. Thirteen seniors walked with their escorts to make up the homecoming court.

"I think homecoming was great. I knew when I took over the position of chair person it would be hard. Everything didn't fall into place until that morning. When I walked in with my escort, James Jones, I knew that everything was complete. I was overwhelmed and proud because everything was so beautiful," Monica Johnson said.

The teams put forth a special effort to be all they

can be and go all the way, but things didn't always go as planned on the court. Although they may not have the best records, at least they can say that they gave it their all. This assembly honored their hard work.

"Even though our season's record isn't too great, I'm still proud of the team. We have been through ups and downs, but we are still hanging in there, looking forward to the State Playoffs with the support of the school, we will be there," Steven Wilson said.

The girls basketball team started out a good season, but as time progressed things got a little tougher. They have had a lot of close games and opportunities to win, but it just didn't happen. "I'm kinda upset because this season

didn't go like I thought it would. But I can say that I played very hard and gave it the best that I could," Detric Johnson said.

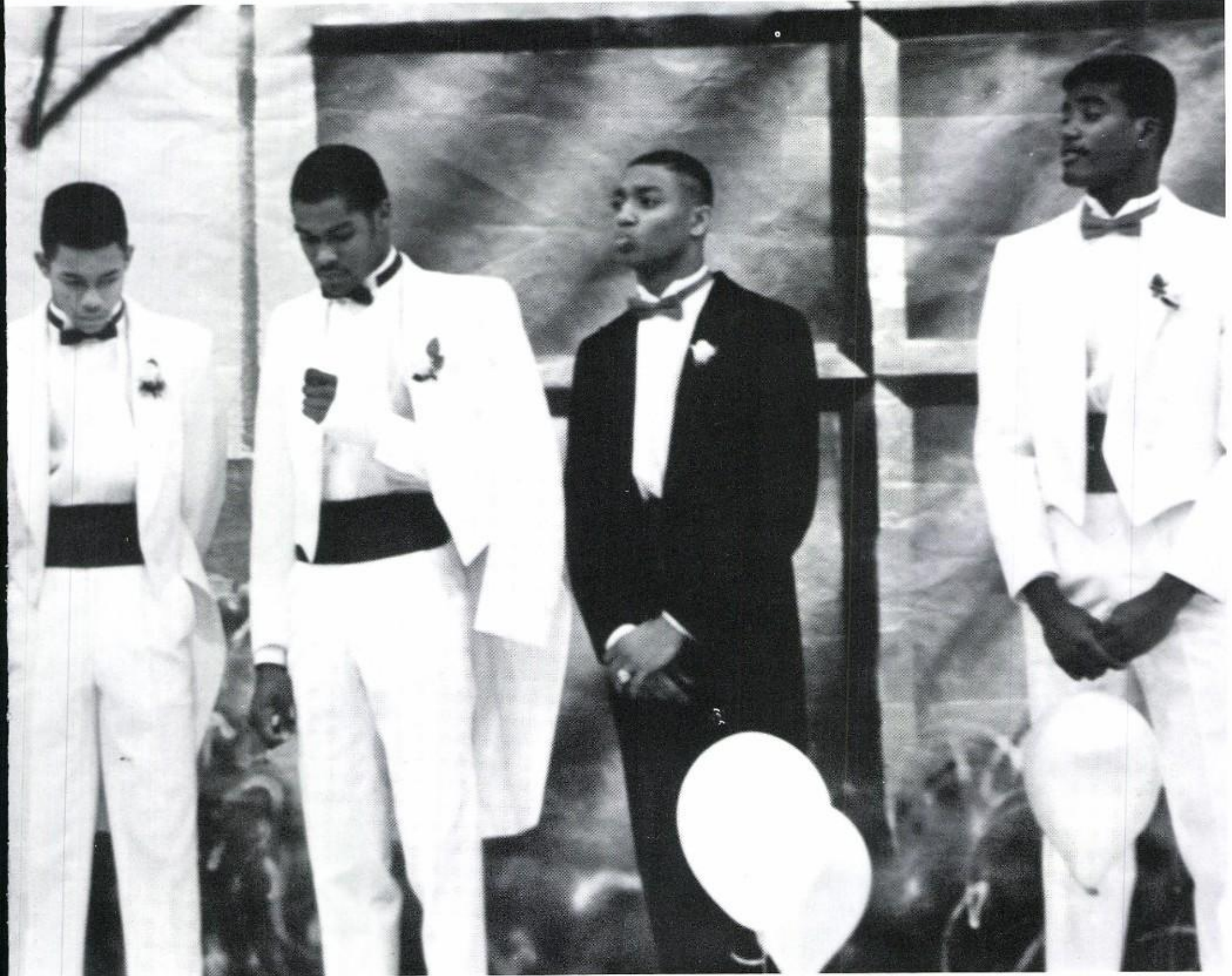
Their hard work and determination made both teams winners in their own ways.

Coach Mobley and a group of Senior Basketball players give a pep talk to the crowd in hopes of encouraging the students to attend the homecoming game.



The 1988 Basketball Homecoming Royalty pose elegantly for the student body during the early morning pep assembly.

The Comet Cheerleaders do a dance routine to get the crowd excited about the Homecoming game against the Pine Bluff Zebras.



Point guard, Lynette "Netter" Linsy looks a bit upset as she is fouled and knocked out of bounds in a game by one of her opponents.



Brian Linn

Basketball

Lady Comets are getting it together

Felicia Bunting
Felicia Bunting
Staff

The Lady Comets have shown a lot of improvement. They started out a great season with 3 wins. They are getting it together now under a new coach, Cherie Walker, after last year's disappointing season with 20 losses and no wins.

"This team has potential. They have come a long way. I am looking forward to the second half of the season," Coach Walker said.

Their returning members looked forward to this season. They felt that

they had always been the best. They only needed that person to give them that extra push when things got tough.

"I wanted my last year here at Mills to be the best. I hope that I could be a help to the team since last year was kind of against us. I'm proud to be a part of the Lady Comets," Lynette Linsy said.

Everyone on the team plays a great part with a special leadership. Their newest members, Debra Martin, Robbie Kelly, and Jackie Smith played a great part along with the rest of the team. The leading lady

Detric Johnson took it to the top along with the help of her team mates as she tries to make the best of her last year.

"It makes me feel sad when I just sit down and think about this being my last year playing ball here," Detric Johnson said.

The Lady Comets gave it their all as they worked hard to reach their goals to be the best.

"We have found that it takes patience, understanding, and a lot of hard work, all of which we have experienced this year," Andrea Rainey said.



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Post player, Jackie Smith practices and concentrates hard on her aim as she attempts a jump shot during her warm-up before the game.



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Lady Comets Basketball

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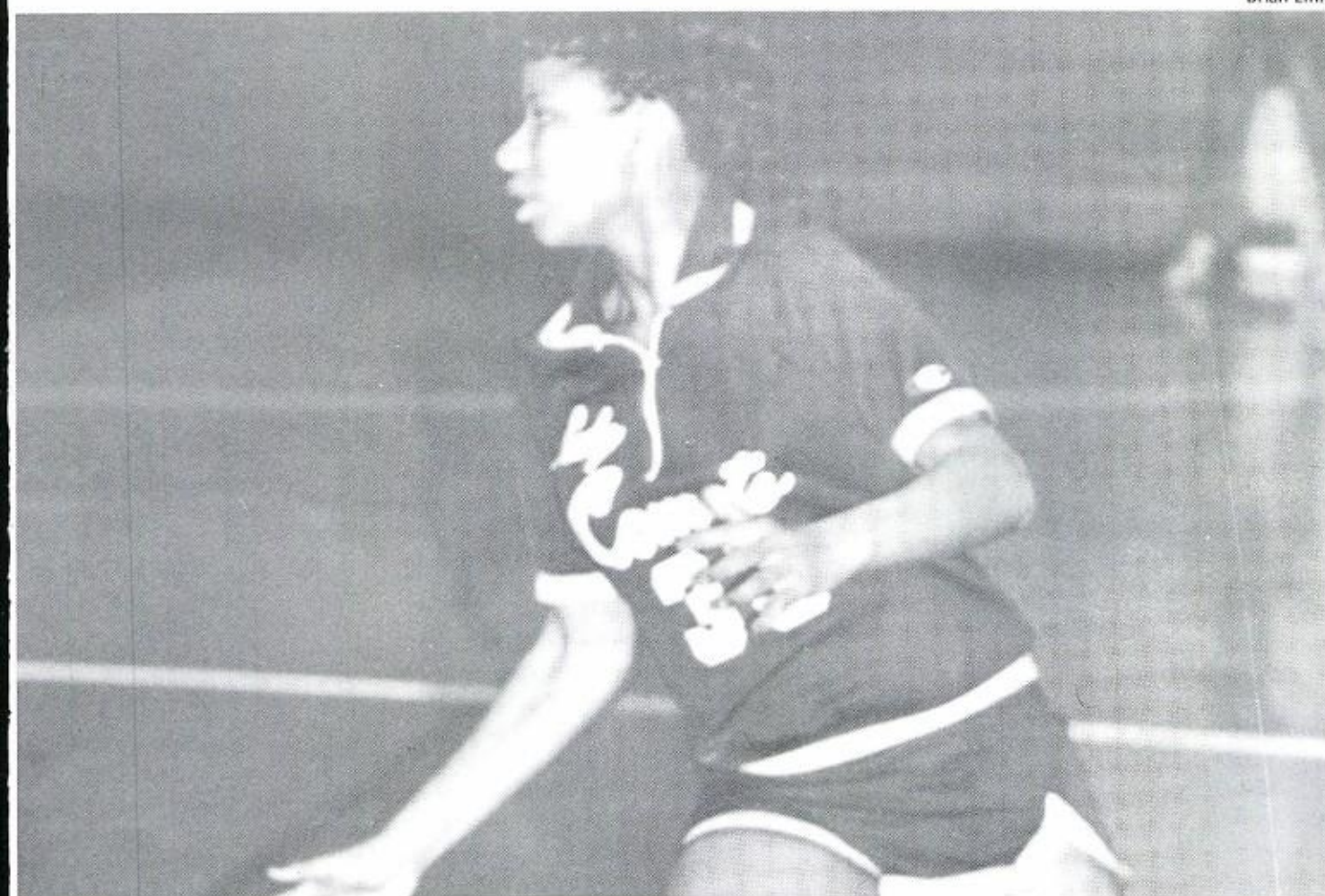
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57	Hamburg	75
45	Central	41
37	Slyvan Hills	58
40	Watson Chapel	45
50	Ole Main	66

Post player Detric Johnson stands out of bounds thinking very hard on who to throw the ball to so they can make it count.



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Post player Tracey Smith looks up to catch the ball from a long pass and attempts to put it in the hole during a home game.



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Forward Debra Martin brings the ball full speed down the court to go for a lay-up during a game away from the Galaxy.

Andrea Rainey and Tara Parish listen very closely as Coach Walker gives last second instructions to those girls on the team.



Brian Linn



Attitudes

What it takes to make or break a basketball team

Kim Ferrell

Staff

Qualifications for a winning basketball team have to be sportsmanship, determination and a great attitude. Having these qualities and using them to their full advantage gives a school a basketball team to be proud of.

Attitudes are the most important thing to the girls basketball team. They haven't had the greatest scores, but the games they played have been the best. Their togetherness and the energy on the court was really something to see.

"The altitude of a person is determined by the attitude," Coach Walker said.

This year the Arkansas Gazette printed a player of the week. This was to reward the players for the outstanding actions on the court. Detric Johnson, Robbie Kelly, Lynette Lindsey, and Jackie Smith were all elected as players of the week.

"Getting that title made me feel like my coach thought I was doing my job and that she had a lot of confidence in me," Robbie Kelly said.

These girls average

practicing hours were over 3 hours a day; during athletics in the morning and then daily after-school practices. The morning practice was used to work on the fundamentals for the individual players; after school, the players work on attitudes and working together as a team.

"Our attitudes and togetherness has improved a lot since the beginning of the year and our playing on the court reflects it," Michelle Bryant said.





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Robbie Kelly really aims for the goal as she tries to get some points for the lady Comets against Hall High School.

Andrea Rainey looks wildly at the ball as a fellow teammate gives it her all to get the ball through the hoop for the points.



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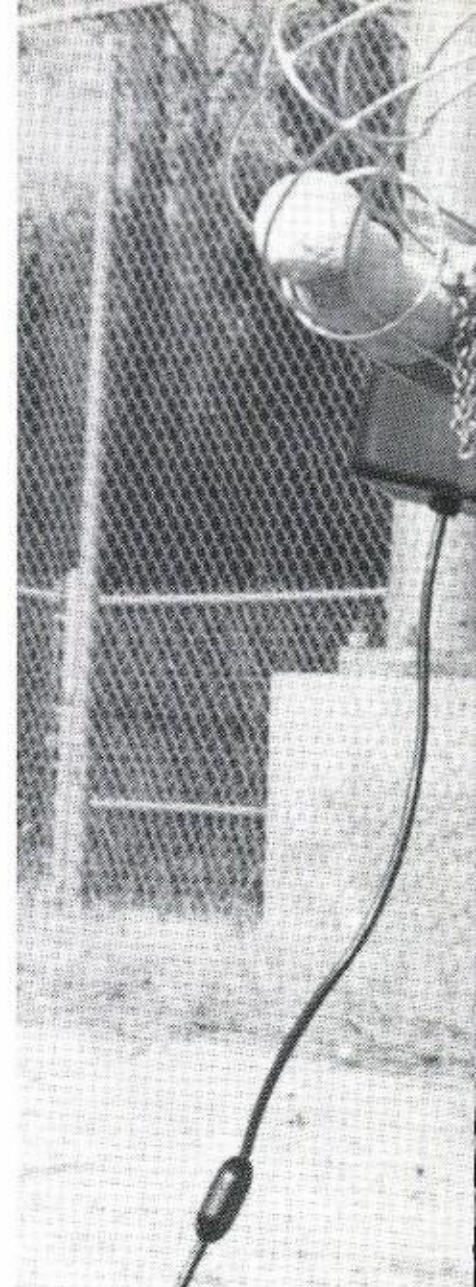
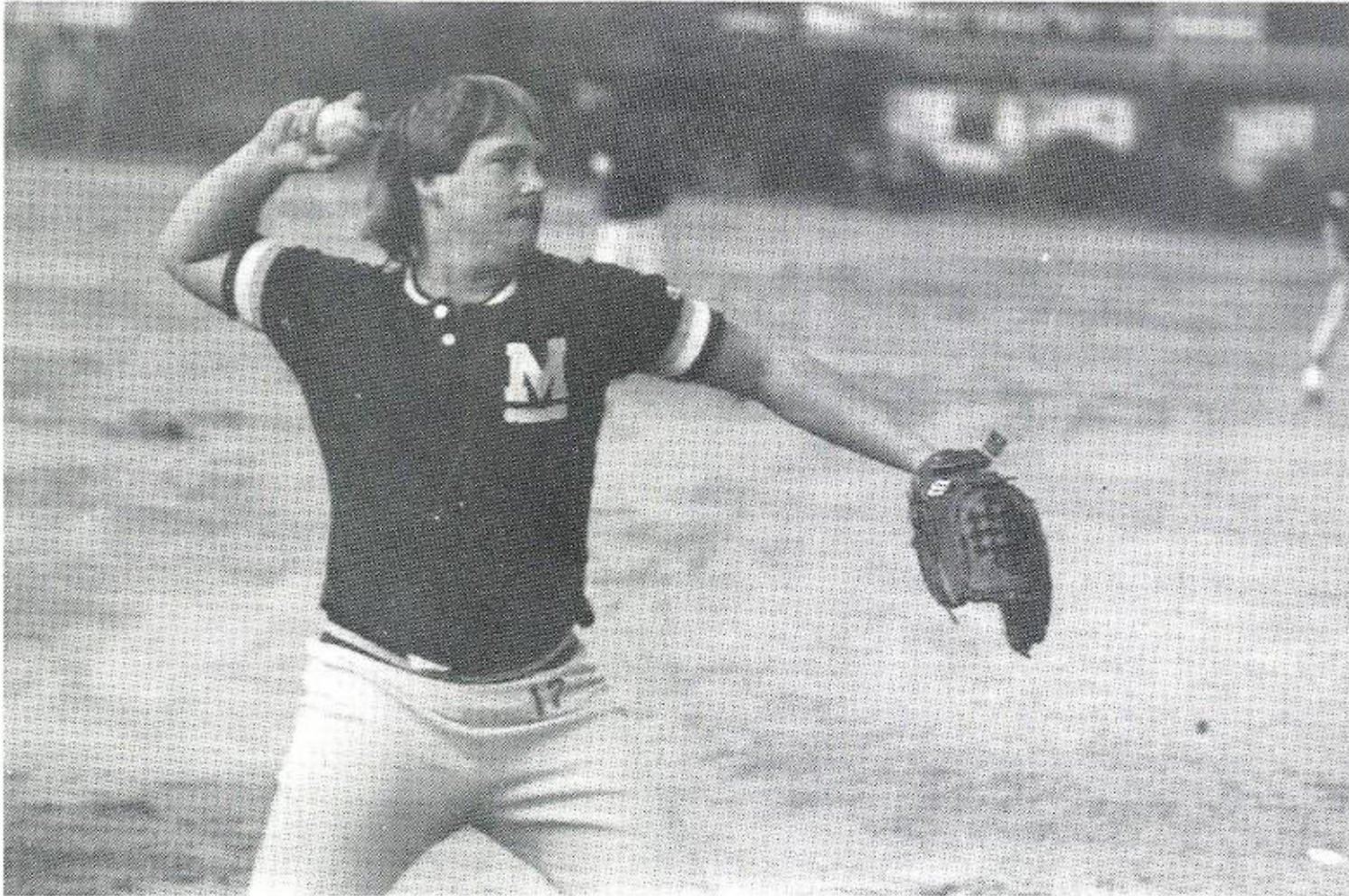
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Coach Walker gives very direct directions to the lady Comets on the floor. This is Coach Walker's first year as Girls' Basketball coach.

Gabrielle Fair looks happily and enthusiastically on as the lady Comets get the ball and score the needed points to win the game.

William Huffman warms up his arm by throwing the ball back and forth with some of the other players before a practice session.

Jimmy Lawhon gets some extra help on his batting technique by using the batting machine during practice.



Baseball



A traditional sport of skilled and spirited players

Rosalyn Gosten
Staff

Baseball is a game of coordination, concentration, and eye contact. It takes getting one foot in front of the other to get to first base.

"I like to play baseball because of the sense of competition you feel. It's fun because almost anyone can participate, . . . in which he can excel," Mike Horton said.

Sometimes the most interesting part of the game isn't always on the field. The dug out can be a humorous place because players express a lot of their feelings there.

"I think that the dug out

is a really good place to bring someone up when they are down because players sometimes get angry or down about being taken off the field. He may go into the dug out and someone may crack jokes about him and he may laugh or make another joke," Mike Murphy said.

The sporting atmosphere on the field attracts players. Players enjoy competing for the spirit of success.

"Baseball builds competitive spirit. We try to give Mills something to be proud of. We have good student support and that makes us play better," Brad Marshall said.

Being the batter "up" is a sensational feeling. It's the feeling that you know you are going to hit a home run.

"What I feel when I am the batter "up" is like all eyes are on me. When I bat, I need to clear all bases and try to bring myself in also. When anyone is at bat, we know that we mustn't strike out. It's like being the star of the show," Jeff Johnson said.

Perfect pitching form comes from hard practice. Erin Wilkerson works hard on his pitching to improve the team's performance.





Coach Runyan instructs Brad Marshall on the next play. The team spent countless hours on the field under the watchful eye of their coach.

Billy Waid sharpens his reflexes for first base by quickly returning the ball to the pitcher during warm-ups.

Several athletic young men race towards the finish line in a competition held among athletes before the beginning of the track season.

Coach Gergely belts out instructions to several interested students who view themselves as prospects to become members of the Mills track team.



Mike Horton



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Sports Editor

Track

Steps in the learning process



There are several steps a baby takes in a learning process. For example, first it learns to crawl. Then, the baby learns to walk, and soon after, it learns to run. Having mastered crawling and walking, Mills track team ran this year. They ran right away from the competitors and in this process, they captured their fair share of awards along the way.

"I run track for the com-

petition. The awards serve as all the motivation I need," Norman Dunn said.

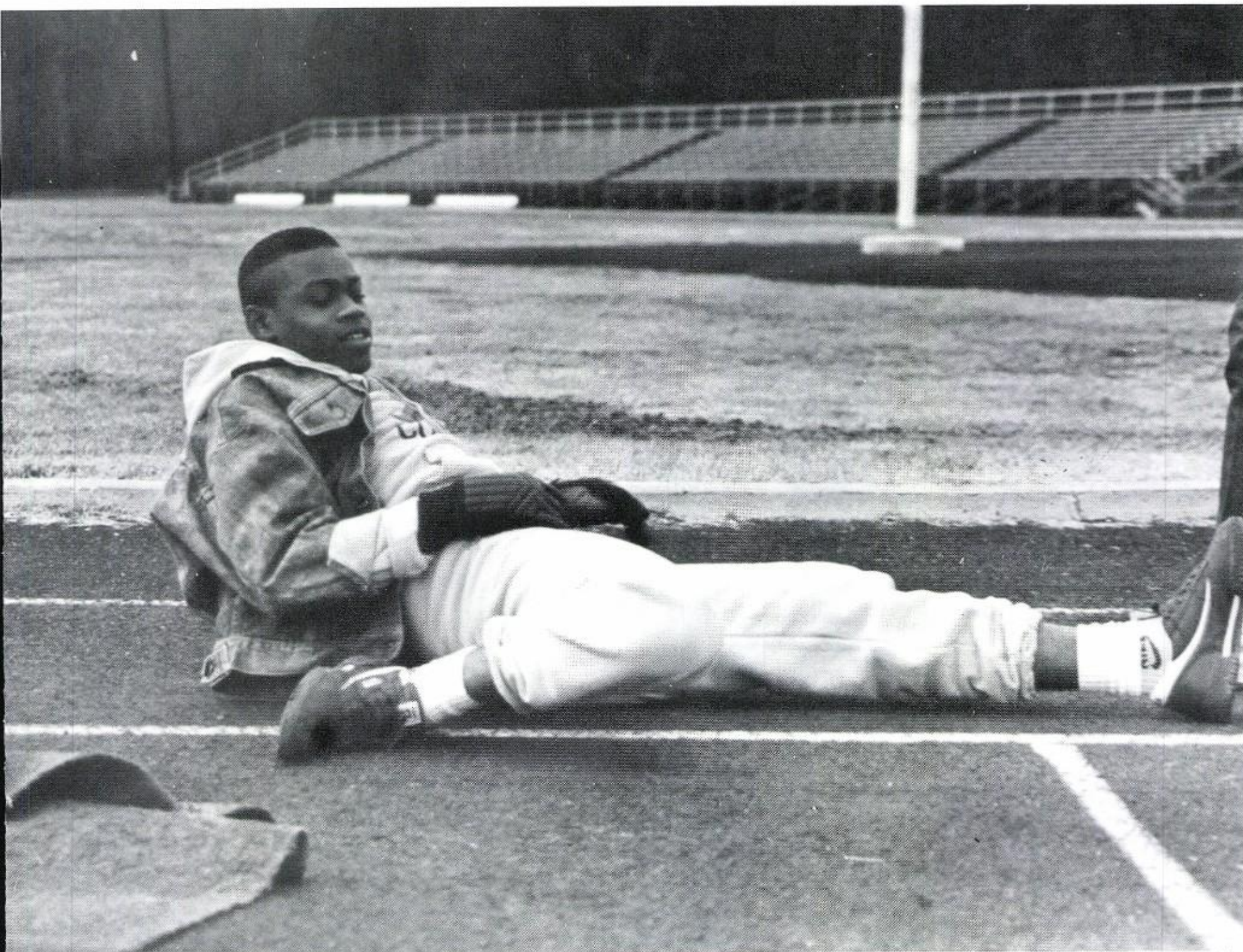
Success in track depends largely on the event in which one is entered. Success in a field event, such as the discus or the shot put, depends largely on strength. Success in a short run such as the 100 meter dash depends only on sheer speed while the longer run require endurance and discipline.

"I like the high jump be-

cause it requires a certain amount of athletic ability to be able to participate," Beau Judkins said.

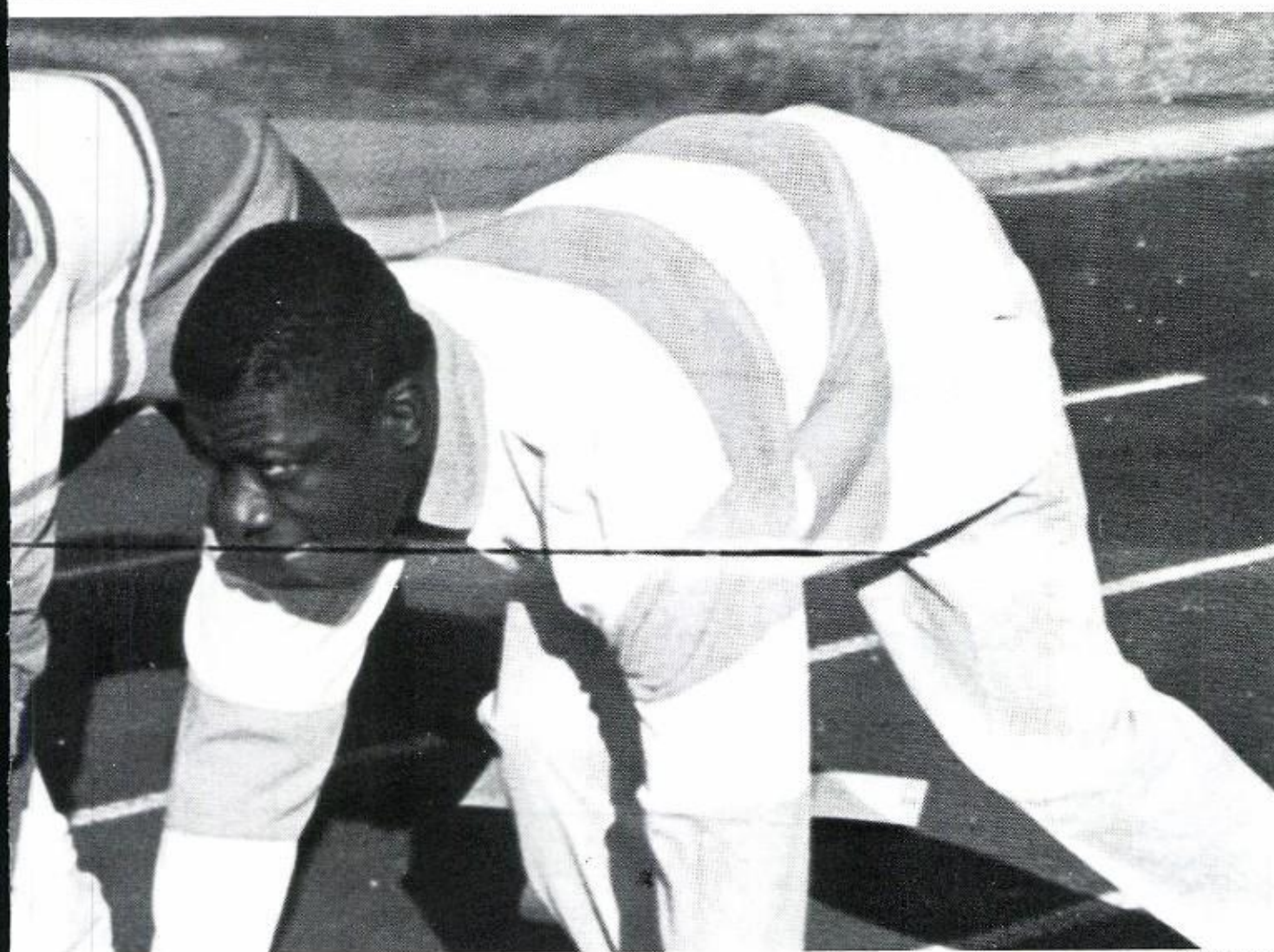
Mills track team developed running into an art this year. They ran straight from the start of the race to the end of the race and then to the awards table to collect their many winnings. While doing this, the Comets left the other competition crawling and walking.





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Before a daily track practice, William Cooney stretches out to avoid straining his muscles.



Mike Horton

Joe Allen and Daniel Bone stoop down into the starting stance for sprinters in preparations to run a dash while at the track.

Beau Judkins lines up a golf ball for a long drive using a number 3 Ping wood at an area golf course while practicing for golf match play.

Junior Chris Maloch prepares to tee up a golf ball on the practice field with intentions of both perfecting his swing and sending the ball flying.



Mike Horton



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Sports Editor

Golf and Tennis

Wanted: Fans. Necessary: Dedication.



Here's a riddle: what does hitting a ball with an odd shaped object have in common with several Mills students? The answer is that both things are necessary for participation in golf and tennis. They're also similar in the respect that both require extreme dedication from the players due to little spectator support.

"Golf is challenging and not as fast paced as other

sports," Chris Maloch said.

Golf and tennis are two sports at Mills that receive little spectator support. Fans aren't often seen flocking to the sides of a tennis court or golf course to watch the Comets in match play. This requires dedication from the players - to play without the support of a home crowd. Even with this in mind, several young men and women turned out in the spring to take a stab at perfecting the sports of

tennis and golf.

"I like tennis because it's a great way to keep in shape, and I get to travel and meet lots of new people," Jay Heflin said.

Dedication seemed to be the key word for the tennis and golf teams this year as they each made way through their individual seasons. All the participants were winners, based on the effort that they gave.





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Lori Pennington returns a serve from Doug Langley during tennis practice in the early spring.



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Jay Heflin works on his back-hand return in an after school tennis practice. Before the beginning of the season.

Drill team members show off hours of practice by performing a perfected routine at the homecoming assembly and activities at the game.

Diedra Coleman practices on some of her moves while a fellow Cometette looks on to offer some avid words of constructive advice.



Mike Horton



Brian Lin



Drill Team



A winning performance earns them first place

Colette Miller

Staff

"Being a Cometette is lots of hard work. It's being part of the team . . .

Working for many hours Going through stiffness and aches wondering if you can improve

Realizing the work it takes . . ."

This excerpt, given to Cometette sponsor Mrs. King by a drill team member, is from a poem by an unknown author.

"This poem tells a lot about what we do. It has been a lot of hard work even though it hasn't shown sometimes. We are like one big family. Every now and then we've had fights, but we are a family," Traci Bennett said.

This year drill team showed exceptional talent

by winning first place in the Southwest Little Rock Christmas Parade. Some members felt that their past performances were acceptable, but not great.

"Some of the routines have been good and some could have been better. I don't think our routines have been as creative as they should have been because a lot of other schools' drill teams have done better and I think we should have, too," Angela Kendrick said.

The Cometettes have shown a strong sense of unity. They have often looked toward each other as family, each providing a vital part for the final function of the "machine". From their tightly woven family comes a determination for cooperation.

"We get along great now because we all understand what everyone wants, and we always have a lot of fun when we're together. It's like a machine, and we are different parts put together," Kelly Plunkett said.

Being a part of drill team is considered an honor. Making the team took a lot of hard work that paid off in the end. For some it was often a joy to just participate and meet friends.

"When I first got on drill team, I got to meet new people and make new friends. We also do more dancing than other drill teams," Holly Minick said.

Smiles that seem to gladden on their faces show dedication and a love for their work.

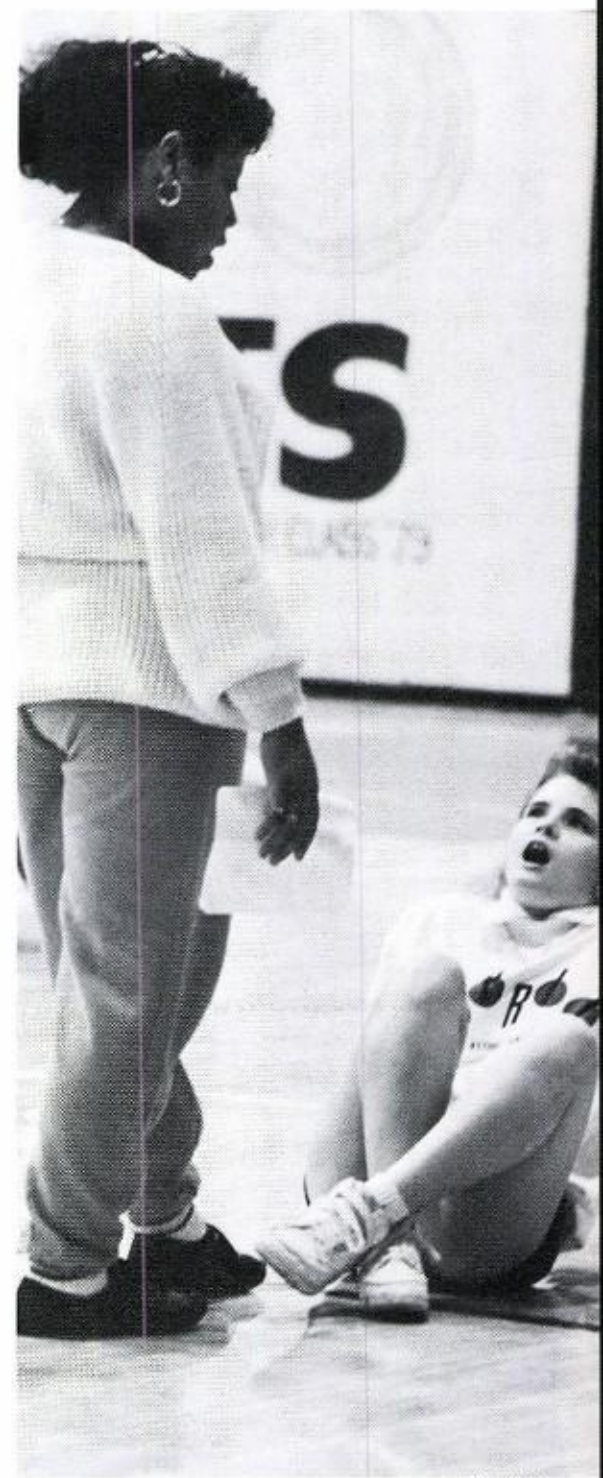


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With a smile on her face, Holly Minick awaits with anticipation before Cometettes begin performing their routine.



Team captain Lawanda Franklin leads the routines with energy and vigor just with a blow of her whistle: Keep'n those girls in line!



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During a practice session, Monica Johnson gives Sandy Ingle some tips on performing a new routine.

The Cometettes show their stuff as they do a routine with Mr. Barnes looking on with enthusiasm. Doesn't he look proud?



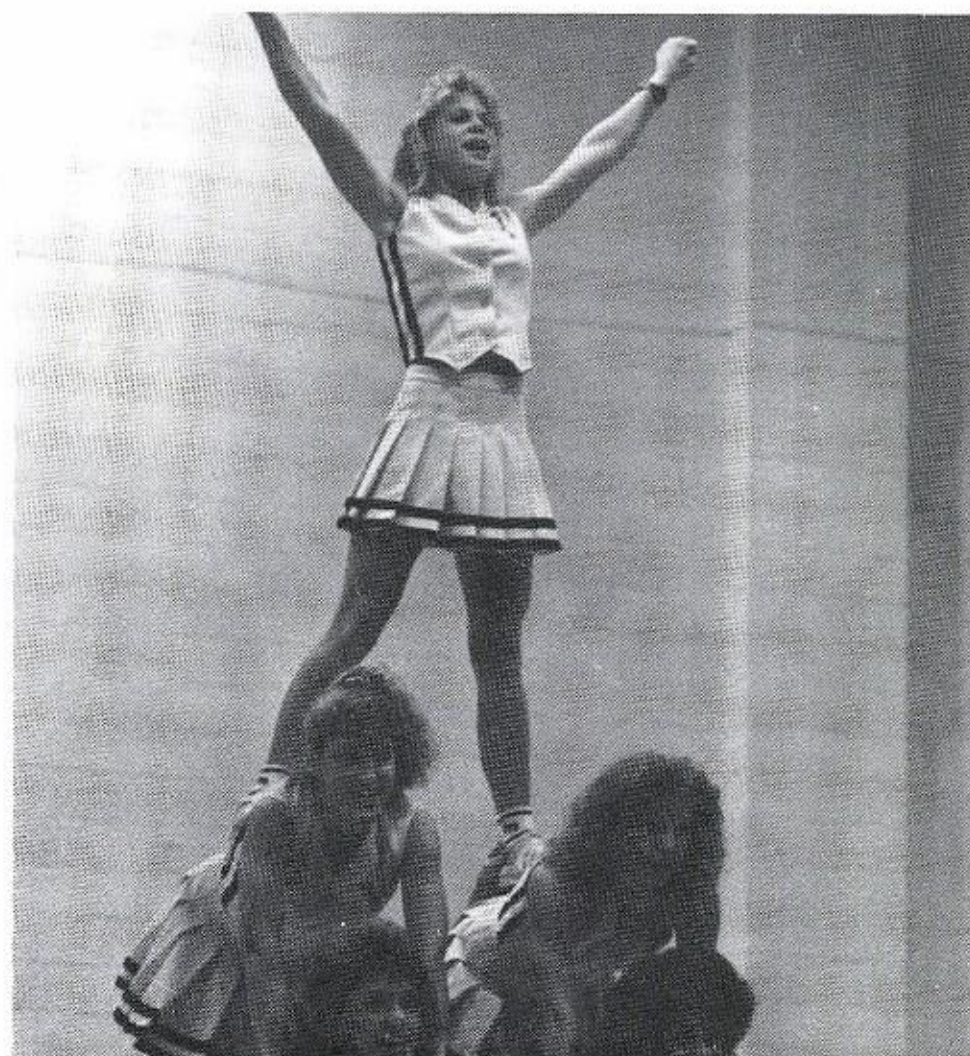
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Several of the Mills cheerleaders confer on what cheer to do next while on the sideline of one of the many football games they attended.

During a before-school pep assembly, the cheerleaders help "fire up" the student body before the big game against McClellan.



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Cheerleaders



A Power Packed Mass of Green and Gold Excitement

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

A group of students sit in the gym and catch up on the latest news. Suddenly they are interrupted as the band breaks into the fight song and green and gold blurs of motion appear.

This is the beginning of an explosive pep assembly planned by the cheerleaders. Throughout the year, they performed many times to boost school spirit and support at the team football and basketball games. "Big C rocks the house" banners made by the cheerleaders told the story well!

"I like doing the cheers at the pep assemblies and

games because it gets the crowd motivated and involved in the game, and it also helps to fire up the team," Treva Peyton said.

During the summer, the cheerleaders attended camp at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. While attending the camp, they were taught some of the latest trends in cheers and dance routines. In camp competitions, they won eleven superior ribbons, one spirit stick, and a trophy for over-all camp champs.

"The one thing that I liked best about camp is the way that everyone came together. The togetherness that was achieved at

camp is what it takes to be #1," Kim Marshall said.

Being a cheerleader has certain demands on each person involved. They have to give up their Tuesday and Friday nights to cheer at the basketball and football games. When everyone else is at home and it's freezing outside, they have to stand on the sidelines and cheer.

"Being a cheerleader is worth the sacrifices that have to be made, because we have a lot of fun while cheering at the games or wherever we go as a group," Tracy Hoskins said.





Mike Horton

"Buck Wheat Say Comets O'Tay!" was one of the many banners that the cheerleaders made throughout the year to boost school spirit.

Captain, Tracy Hoskins prepares the cheerleading squad to do "Hey Gang" at an early morning basketball pep assembly.



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The cheerleaders prepare themselves to do a cheer at an early morning pep assembly in the gym during football season.

Solving the Puzzle

Holly Bramel

Co-editor

Cannons exploding, alarms going off, and distant sounds of creaking bones and lazy bodies fill the early morning air.

"Every sound in my house just gets a little bit louder every morning. It seems like everything is magnified about a thousand times," Erica Marshall said.

Along with early mornings comes school. Along with school comes the real reasons for school - academic classes.

"I just can't have important classes first thing in the morning. I know that I need to listen but it is just so hard to stay awake," Shawn Davis said.

Some students have found out that they spend the majority of their time, even leisure time, at school or school activities.

"It's sort of like solving a puzzle. You have home, friends, family, and then school. School is like the final piece to the puzzle," Charlotte Burris said.



Mrs. Sebastian poses as a fortune teller during the VICA carnival. The carnival was a big success with football throws and marriage booths.

Just a little young for a high school student isn't he? Coach Runyan's A.P. chemistry class plays "magic" with elementary students.



Cindy Hope

To Acquire the Ultimate Experience, Express Yourself

Nita Simmons
Ads Editor

Art is a skill perfected by experience. Experience is the key word, and at Mills that's just what students are getting. The courses are designed to prepare students for higher levels of art.

Even though this sounds like work, the students already have a talent. Classes are designed to develop that talent. Art is something that is a part of a person.

"If you dig deep into your mind, you will find something 'artsy' no matter who you are or how shallow the mind. Art is a part of everyone's daily

life," Neil McElroy said.

Whether applying Makeup or matching clothes, art is a part of life. Art fulfills different needs for different people. Some people achieve their goals by expressing their ideas in artwork.

"Through art, I can paint the world as I would like for it to be . . . good over evil," Terry Piggee said.

For still others, art is a way of life. Some students are so absorbed in their art that it becomes their main medium of expression.

"The only way I can truly express myself and my emotions," Treva Peyton said.

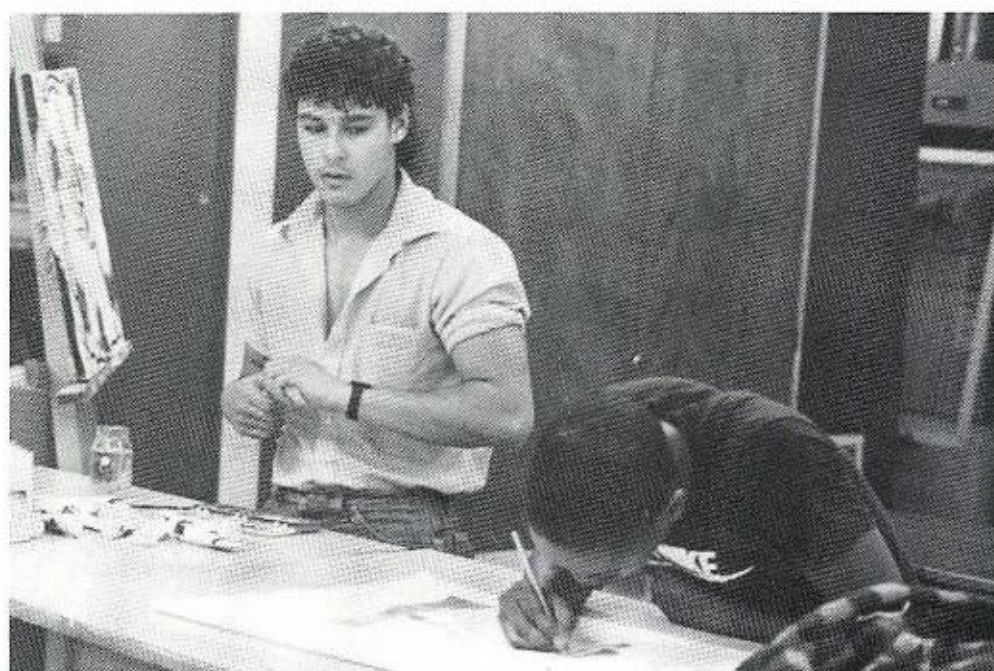
The art department provides a variety of

courses on different levels of interest. There are beginning classes, advanced classes, and independent studies. For students not interested in producing art, there are classes in art appreciation.

Mills was recognized as the most outstanding art department in the state of Arkansas. This achievement can be attributed to the teachers who motivate the dedicated students and the faculty who supports their efforts.

"We have always had an administration that supports the Arts and provides us the money to build a good program," Mrs. Wilcox said.

Paul Cantrell illustrates the concept of the beauty within the beast with one of his acrylic based painting.



Paul Cantrell takes a break from painting to watch Keith Settles, who is working intently on his pencil drawing.

Cheryl King pauses to study the details of her drawing as she prepares her canvas for an acrylic painting.



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Terry Piggee listens to his favorite music while he decides where to place his next mark on his pencil drawing.

Susan St. Clair utilizes negative space ambiguity by painting rockets in her first period Painting 1 class.

Despite the change in tone, the "symphonic" Band Blew the Place Apart

Holly Bramel
Co-Editor

A hot, humid, un-airconditioned day in early August was the day of truth and anticipation. Who had the nerve to come to summer band practice? Even more, who was in concert band in the first place.

"When I first got to summer practice I had no idea who was in the band. When we met on that first day there were not a lot of people there. I was a little worried," Kristy McCoy said.

The new school year also brought around new

students. These new students brought with them anticipation and enthusiasm.

"I knew that Mills had a strong band department and I was looking forward to being a part of it. I also was really impressed at the togetherness and determination that the students showed," Tracy Whitfield said.

Impressment was not only seen through the eyes of the new, it was also seen through the returning band members.

"Our band has always been one that has stuck together, but this year it was even more important

for us to do so. We showed more spirit this year than ever," Harold Shray said.

Anticipation, frustration, and the feeling of togetherness made this year's concert band even more a challenge than usual. The mixing of new band members with old band members was a making of a marching and concert band that excelled to the fullest.

"I couldn't believe that we got a one. It was a wonderful feeling. We went through a lot together to achieve that award," La Sonya Winston said.



Brian Linn

Concert band members sight read concert music to prepare for All-Region contest on March 19th at Jacksonville High School.

Bass clarinet players, La Sonya Winston, concentrates on her music and field routine during a Friday night game in preparation for marching contest.



Mike Horton

Tuba player, James Rowell, and baritone player, Bruce Weideman find that field marching is not all the fun that some people seem to think.



Cindy Hope



Cindy Hope

Marching band members work long, hard hours to perform at Region marching contest. The band received a superior rating at contest.

Band 55

Preparing for the Future by Getting down to business

Harold Shray

Bus. Manager

Let's face it. Business is a big part of today's world. And with business taking the forefront in so many people lives in today's world, the business department is one of the departments at school that truly helps students prepare for after high school with practical experience. They can apply this somewhere later in life.

"Word processing will really help since everything is being computerized. And the accounting will help so I can do my taxes without having to pay someone else," Traci Wagner said.

Two of the more popular classes are typewriting I, and accounting I. Typewriting I is an introduction

to typing that gives students the basics that are needed for most typing situations. Accounting I helps to teach the basic procedures of the accounting system.

"Accounting I is mainly learning how to debit and credit accounts and accounting II is learning about the world of business finance," John Woods said.

Business classes also teach the basics of the justice system and business world.

"Business law can really open your eyes to the way laws are enforced and the ways that they affect everyday people," Deryl Walker said.

Business classes can often be heard being called out over the intercom to

go on what seems to be "just another field trip" when in reality the students go on trips that are both educational and fun.

"When the business classes go on a field trip the students can not help but feel a little cheated because when you think of field trips the last thing you think of is learning, and that's what always happens," Richard Moser said.

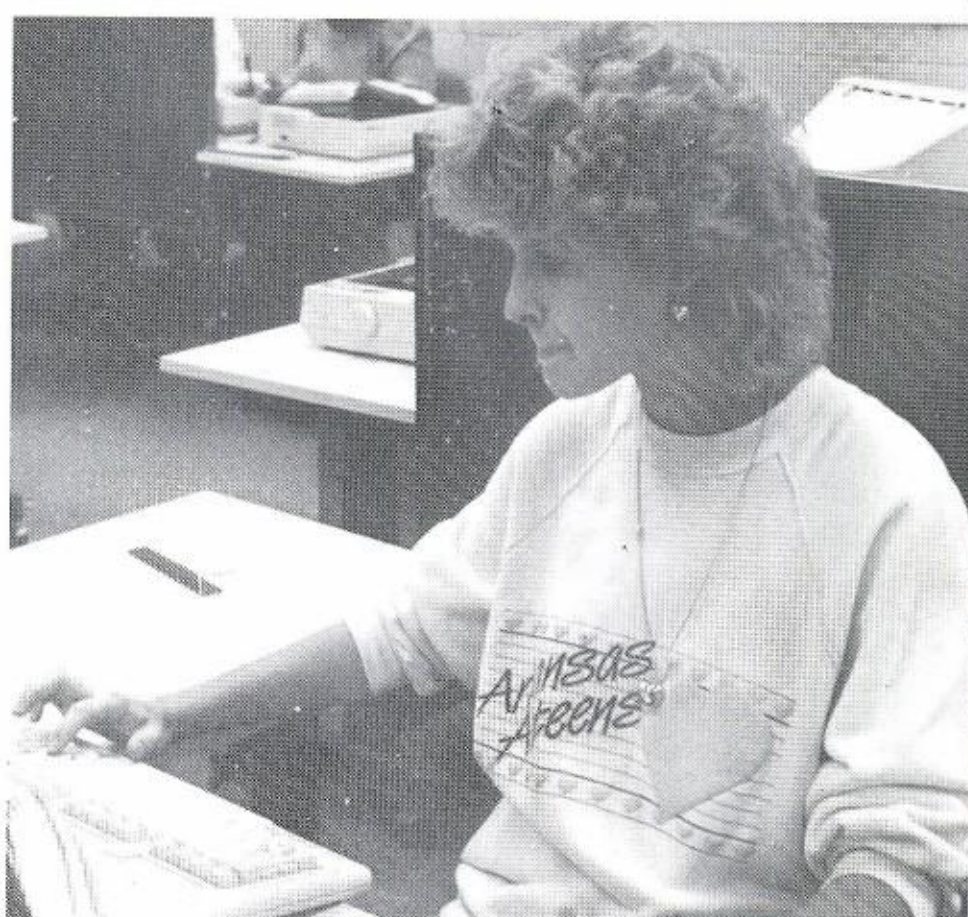
No department at any school can totally prepare its students for the world after high school, but the business department gives its students a fighting chance in our ever changing world.



Brian Linn

Two students in Mrs. Mosley's sixth period accounting I class put the final touches on a computerized balance sheet.

Traci Wagner adds up the totals to her credit and debit sides before she attempts to enter them into the computer.

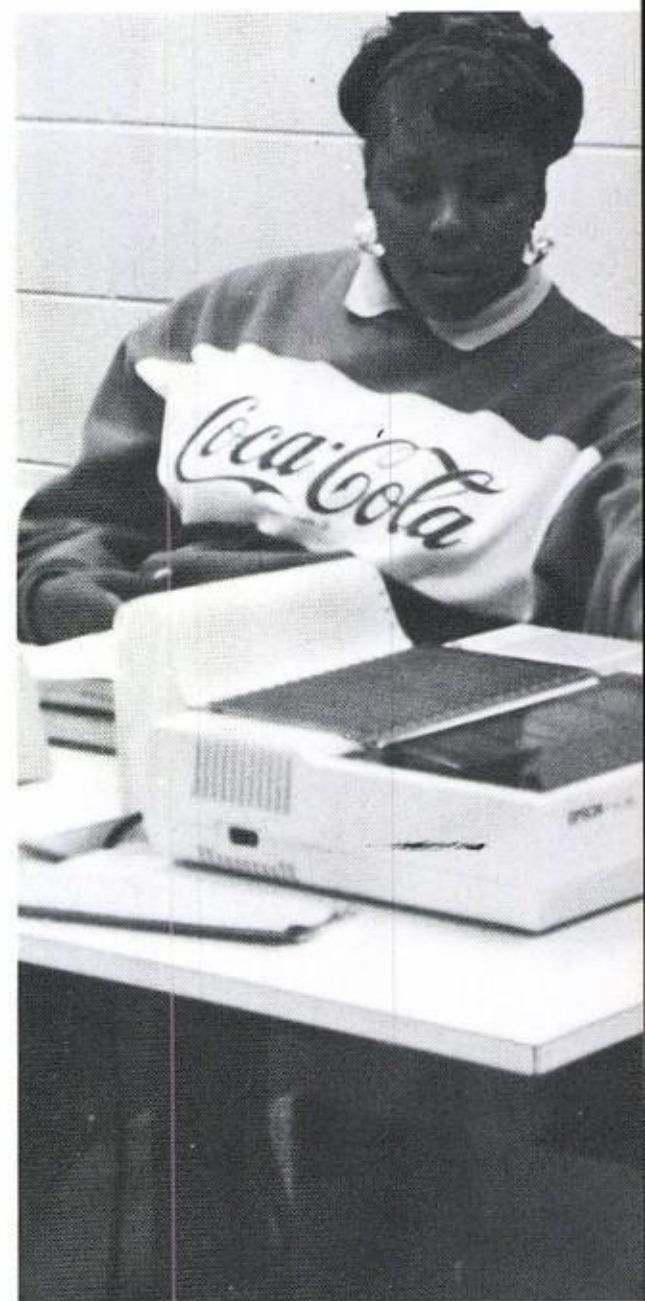


Cindy Hope



Mrs. Goble discusses with Fran Urban some alternative ways to work a group of assignments.

Detric Johnson sets her mind on not letting the computer's printer get the best of her before she can turn in her assignment.



Brian Linn



Mrs. Mosley instructs Tammy Bryant on the correct way to adjust the final totals on an account.

Stephanie Linus and Susan St. Clair double check their homework assignments with the answers that the computer provides.

A Different Kind of Sound Makes the Halls Come to Life

Laura Miller
staff

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY! These were the words that could be heard coming from the halls on December 18th.

This year the choir chose a slightly different approach to traditional yuletide caroling. The choir went not from house to house, but instead from door to door inside the school. They traveled throughout the entire school during seventh period, stopping at each classroom's door to give everyone a brief taste of their Christmas spirit.

"We wanted to go caroling this year because a lot of people can't come to

the night time concerts and therefore never get to hear us sing," Joann Weaver said.

Choir offers itself to the students in many different forms. Each suited to the individuals own needs. Students can choose from a vast range of musical forms.

"I like choir because it is one of the few classes offered that you can adjust to suit yourself," Steve Miller said.

Music Theory is another of the classes offered to the students with an interest in music. This class teaches not only how to vocalize music but the underlying basic structures one needs to know in order to compose it.

"By taking music theory, I have learned to understand what I sing," Marcia Henderson said.

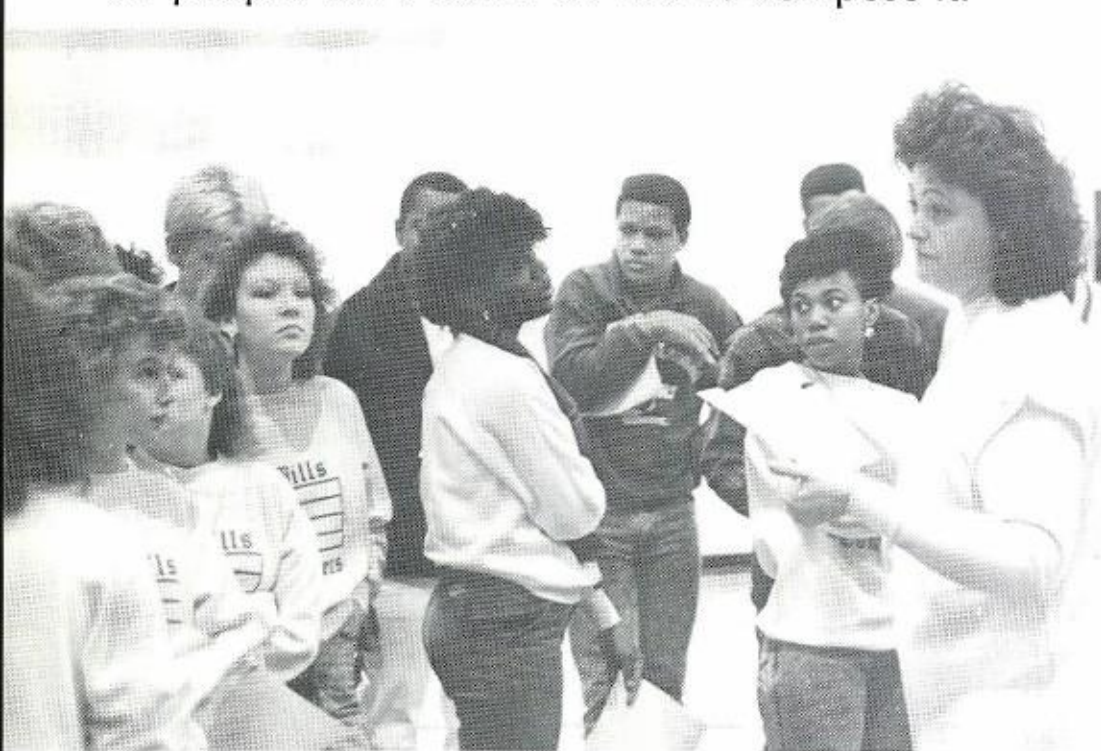
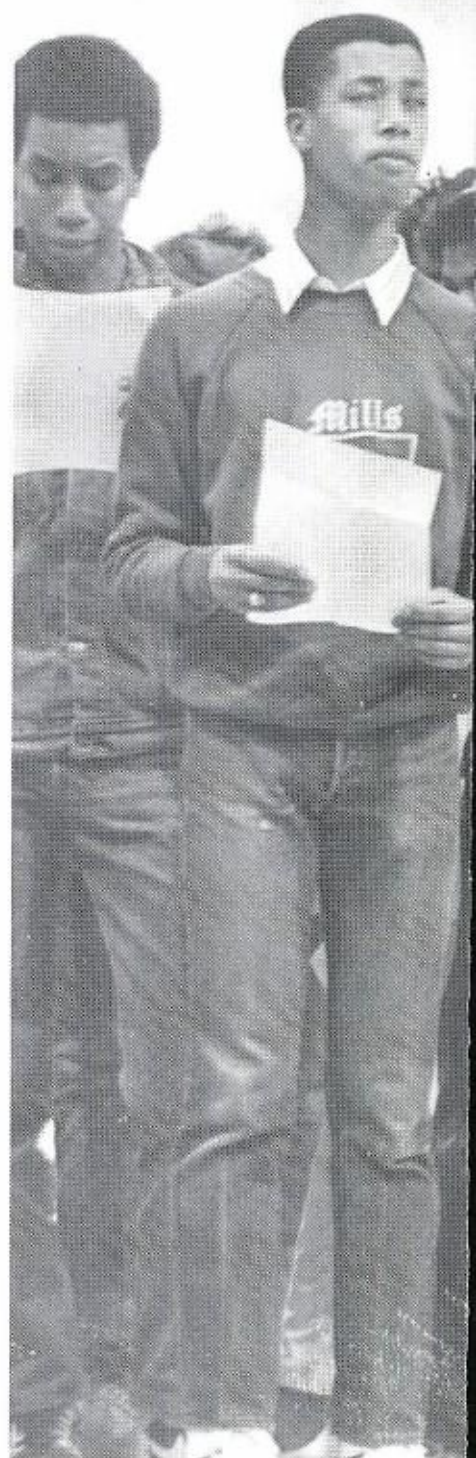
There are several competitions that the choir competes in throughout the year. Some competitions are geared for scholarships that are given for choral excellence.

"I am working on a choir scholarship for myself," Kristy Henson said.

Even though choir is a fun class, a lot of work and practice must be put into a good performance.

"It's a lot more than do-re-mi-f-a-s-o-l-l-a-t-i-d-o," Pam Clements said.

Sophomore Albert Thomas, along with some of his fellow classmates, sing the festive yuletide songs of Christmas at the assembly this year.



Before going to the gym to perform their Christmas concert, the choir practices a few of the songs they will sing in the choir room.





After the choir went Christmas caroling through the halls this year, they ended it up with a final number in front of the main office.

Kristy Henson diligently practices at home the choral techniques she has learned in choir in order to keep in the running for scholarships.

Choir 59

With less than nothing, this staff produced a book Out of the Chaos

Lisa Berry
Editor

No ladder, no theme, no representative, and no money. This was the status of the **Comet** staff in August. But a handful of slightly crazed young people and their high-spirited advisor agreed to tackle the challenge of piecing together this yearbook.

"Most of the staff was new, and we didn't even know who the staff or the advisor was until the first day of school!" Holly Bramel said.

A debt from the 1987 **Comet** hung over the new staff like a lead balloon, but Business Manager Harold Shray immediately took charge of bringing the staff back into the black.

Meanwhile, the editorial staff focused on teaching a crash course in year-

book techniques. Outwardly the editors tried to adopt Mrs. Lowery's "It's not time to panic" attitude, but inwardly everyone worried over plans.

"I was really eager to get started at first, but when the work piled on it was a load," Colette Miller said.

If the best way to learn is by doing, then the first deadline was truly the ultimate learning experience.

"Since this was my first year on Staff, I wasn't really sure about the way things were supposed to be done. Things kind of got tough but with the help of the staff members I learned a lot," Felicia Bunting said.

The first shipment of pages exceeded the requirement, and the staff felt good about their accomplishments. But there were four deadlines left and they were not always as pleasurable as the first.

"Yearbook deadline is four four-letter words!" Nita Simmons exclaimed.

Because the staff was small, each person had to shoulder a great deal of the load. It took lots of patience and dedication on everyone's part, but the staff worked together to pull through some tight squeezes - like the month of February, for instance.

"I was eating, breathing, and sleeping Annual Staff because the deadlines were so close together," Erik Swafford said.

It was hard to muddle through a 60 page deadline and remain optimistic about the outcome, but somehow the staff survived without any major conflicts, deaths, or suicides! And years from now - possibly **many** years from now - the staff will look back and be glad they hung around to see this book through.

Deadlines are **never** confined to room 1108. Nita Simmons discusses her lead with Lisa Berry during a few spare moments in TAG Seminar.



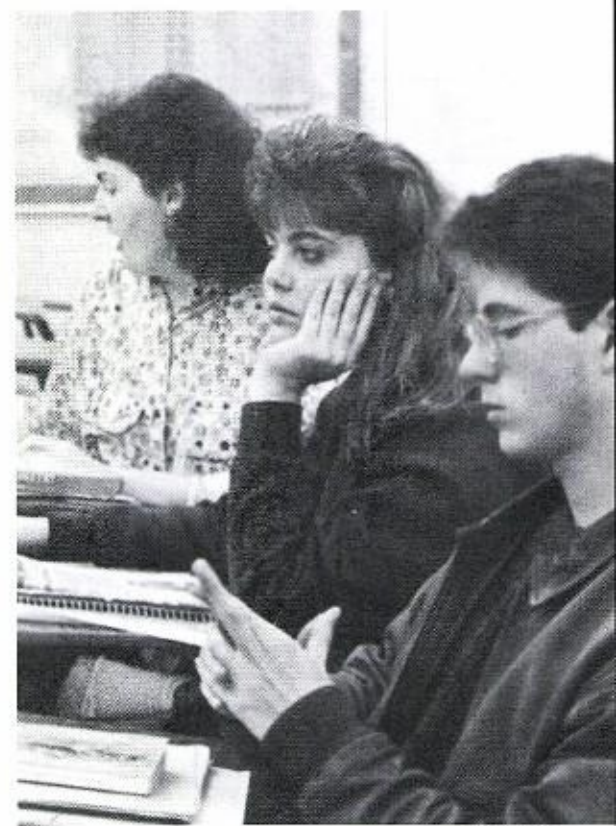
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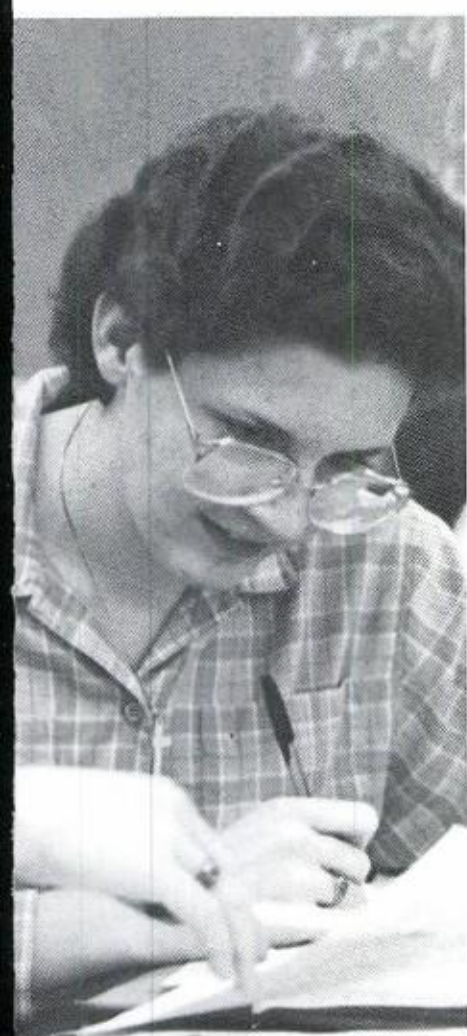
Brian Linn and Cindy Hope are on the other side of the camera for a change, discussing photo requests for a rapidly-approaching deadline.

The infamous "unity circle" of a staff meeting shows the staff's fatigue and general burn-out after months of continuous hard work.

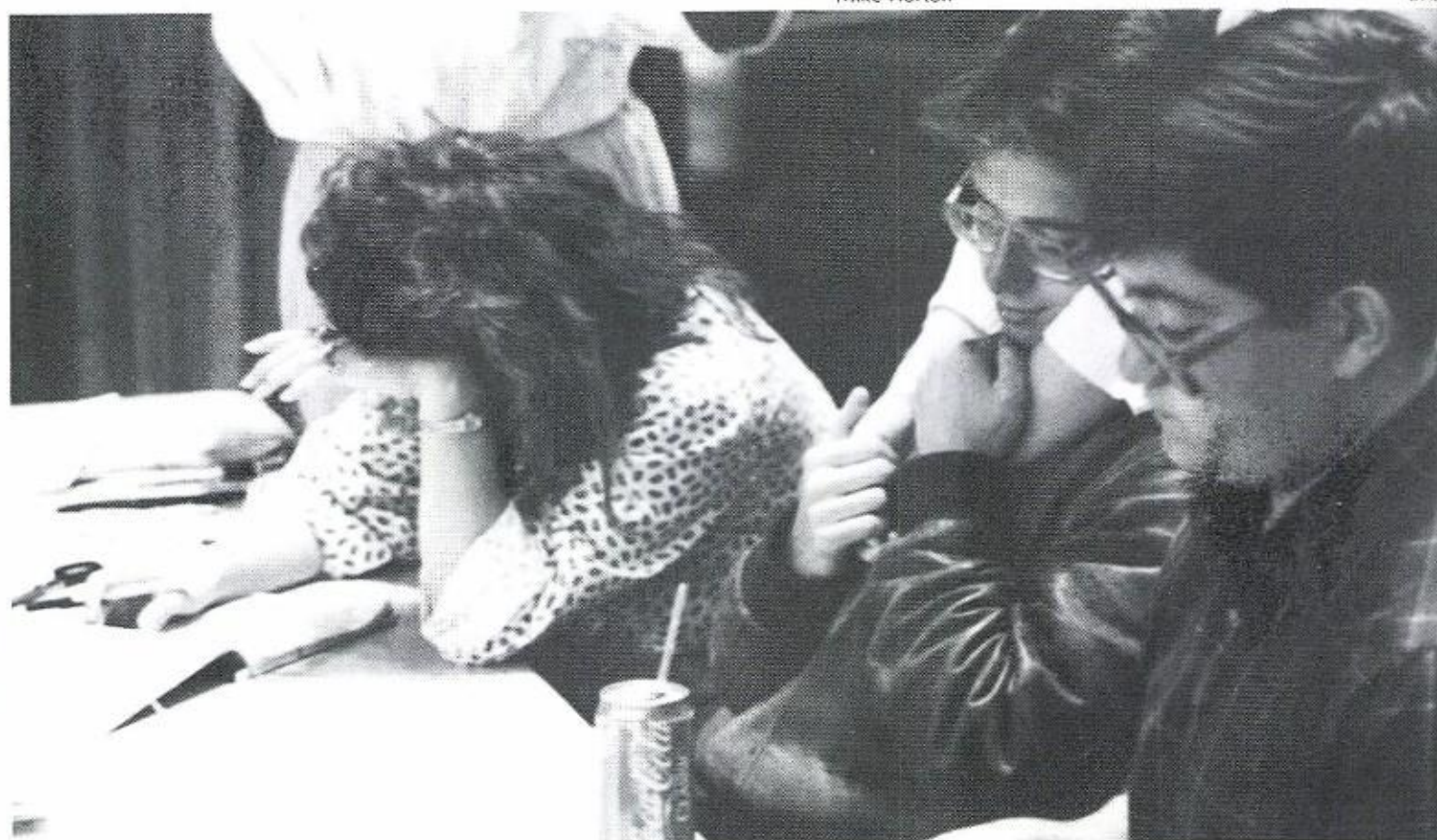


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Holly Bramel and Lisa Berry proof copy for the first February deadline while planning assignments for the second deadline in the same month.

Class pictures are another responsibility of the yearbook staff. A day of photographing two-thirds of the school can be quite tiring.

Learning a new language can be challenging.

The Art Of Language

Colette Miller

Staff

"Salute Phil-lipe! What was that about purple monkeys and pink palm trees?"

What is it that causes students to leave behind their normal speech to talk in these strange tongues?

Creative writing and foreign language courses are two of the out-of-the-ordinary classes. Some students took foreign languages for academic reasons. More colleges are requiring foreign language credit for entrance.

"I took Spanish because it gives me a better chance to get into college," Tiawanna Glover said.

Foreign language classes also attracted students who were more interested in personal growth than formal education.

"I like French because it broadens my scope. I would like to know another language besides English," Kelly Tolefree said.

Sometimes, love of the language alone attracted students to foreign language courses.

"French is a beautiful way of communication," Treva Peyton said.

Similar reasons drew students to creative writing. In creative writing, students were taught to develop good writing skills for education and life. These skills help detect quality and style.

"The harder you look

for quality, the more you find it," Kristy Henson said.

In addition to teaching depth, creative writing also published the literary magazine, **Comet Expressions**. To fill the **Comet Expressions**, creative writing sponsored poetry contests. Winners received prizes and in addition, their writings were published.

"We usually get forty or fifty entries to each of the contests," Mrs. Green said.

Outside support was important for creative writing. This year, for the first time, the **Comet** and **Comet Expressions** were pieced into one and sold together.

Gwen Moncreif listens intently as Tamara Gentry prepares to lead the discussion in their group while in the creative writing class.





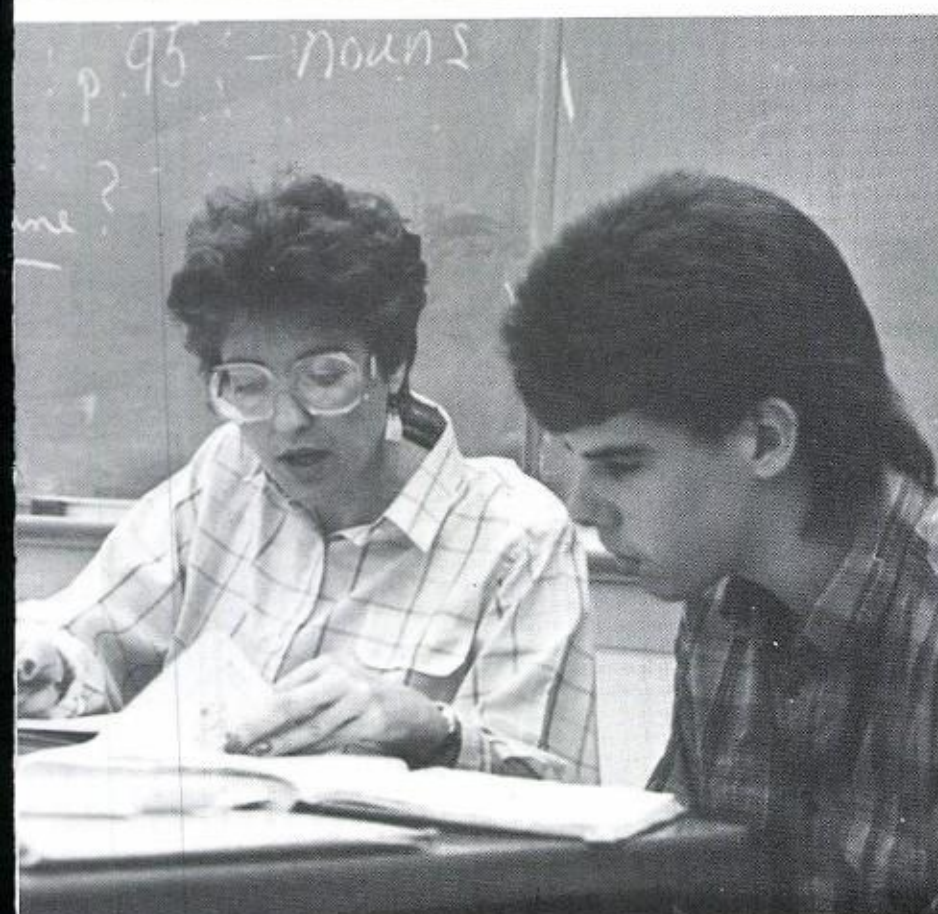
Spanish teacher Mrs. Tanner points out something important to graphically answer a question for Aaron Wilkerson as he looks on eagerly.

Mrs. Green checks over some previous assignments while her creative writing class sits in groups for an open discussion.



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Ms. Mauer goes over a French lesson with Jason Bowers, who concentrates to get a better understanding of the French language.

LaSonya Winston finds out some interesting information while Carla Hall is contemplating on her important note taking abilities.

D.E. gets students involved by letting them Work, for a Living?

Melody L. Case

Staff

Some of us work for a living! Doesn't that line sound familiar? Some students do work for a living. These young entrepreneurs are working their way up the corporate ladder to success!

Distributive Education is a program of instruction in merchandising, marketing and management which trains people for careers in retailing, wholesaling and service establishments. It is a partnership between owners and managers of businesses.

Student trainees attend school part-time and receive supervised work experience under actual working conditions.

"Getting out early gives me more time to study be-

fore or after work," Michal Moore said.

On-the-job training is practical application of the trainee's studies. A teacher-coordinator brings the school and business together to provide practical education. The teacher-coordinator has a minimum of two years successful experience in a distributive occupation.

"Some students will use their training to enable them to enter the work force upon graduating; other D.E. students will use training as preparation for college or other vocational trades," Mrs. Chrisco said.

A successful distributive educational training program is the result of cooperative participation by the schools, the parents, and the students. An advi-

sory committee of representative businesses and school personnel plan the program to fit the local community needs. The major responsibility of Distributive Education is training students for marketing and distributive skills.

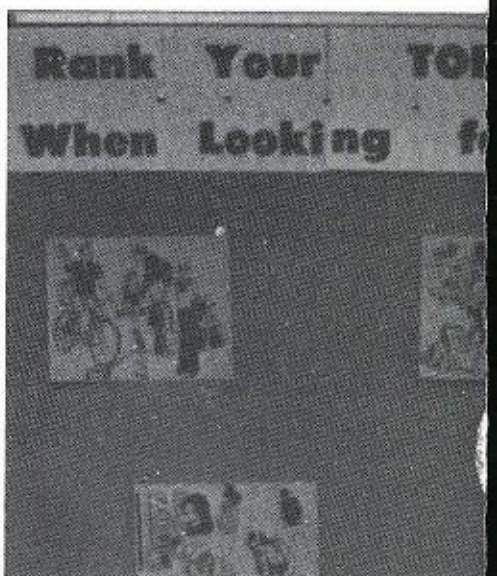
On-the-job training for students is achieved here at school through the management of the bookstore.

"I think it's wonderful to get out early ... We are put in real-life situations. It enhances the knowledge in retail merchandising, it gives one a real sense of responsibility," said Tashya Carter.



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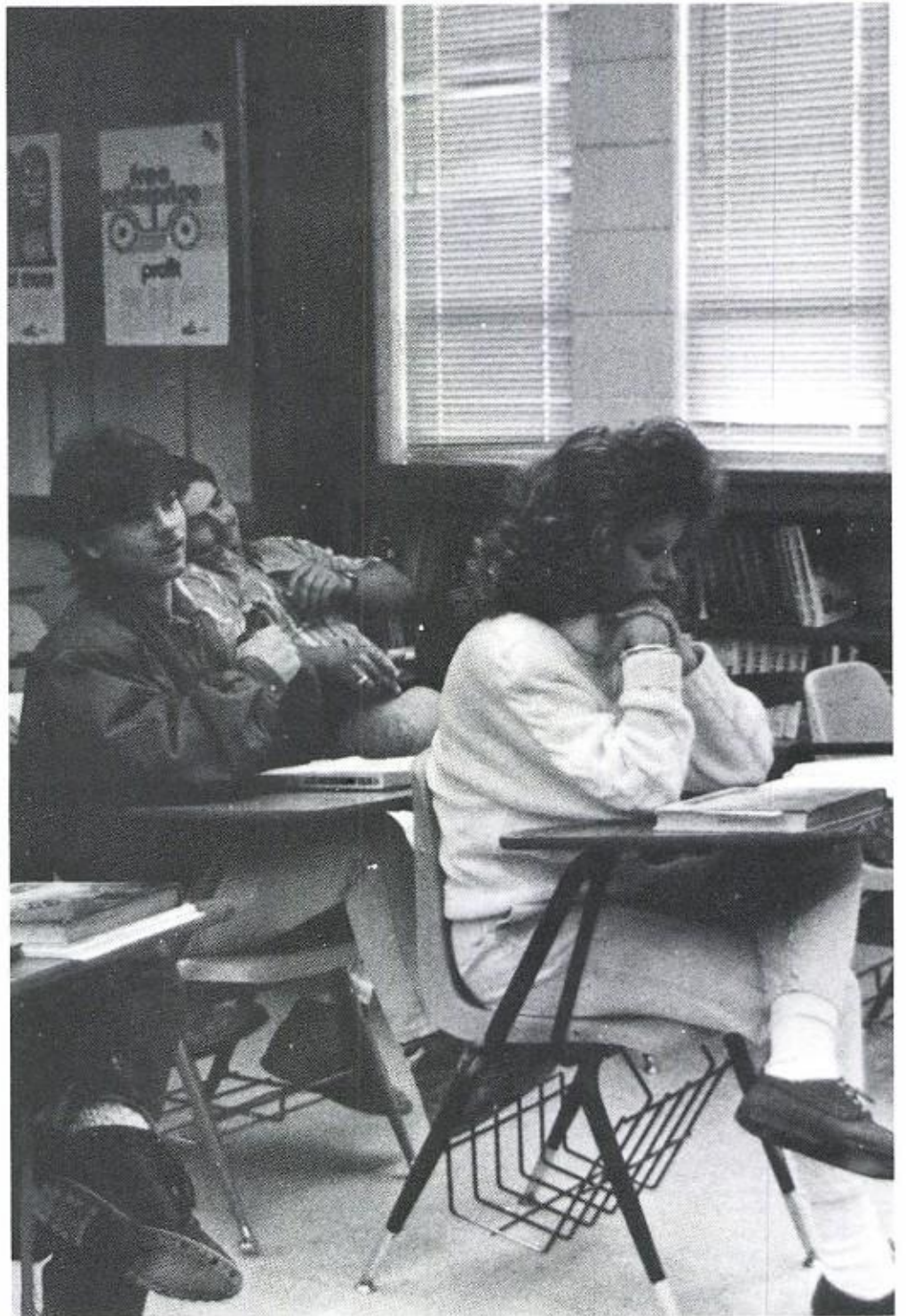
Mrs. Chrisco explains "the technique" of a successful interview to Tracey Basinger. This important information helps students get and use job skills.



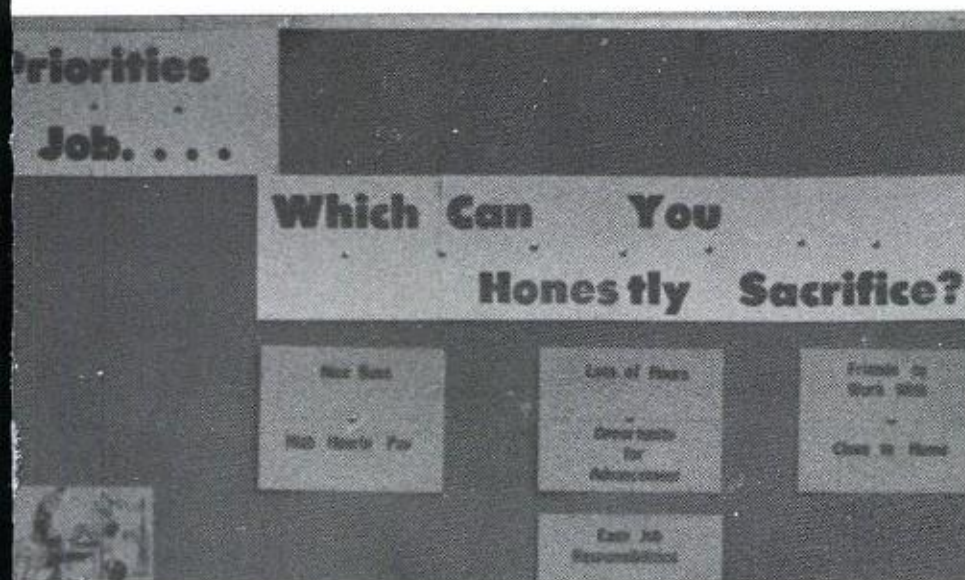


A stockman helps Melody Case. "Fluff-up" the bears. These two students both work at Wal-Mart where they perform several different tasks while on the job.

Discussions usually take place every class period, they have been very helpful in answering questions about job-related activities.



Brian Linn



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Which can you honestly sacrifice? Students who work often give up much free time. These students are the leaders of tomorrow!

Judging by the look on these two faces, someone made an "A". D.E. students learn by classroom exercises as well as on the job training.

Lights, Camera, and Action Produce Dramatic Productions

Melody Case

Staff

Remember when you conveniently had a stomach virus on the day of your nine-week exams? Remember when all eight of your buddies told their moms "I ate something at school yesterday, and I think I'm going to be sick." Usually the rolling of the eyes and chill bumps work every time. Yes ... Mom was convinced it was an "epidemic."

For students who enjoy more than this popular form of amateur acting, there is drama class.

"I like drama because I can portray a character that I'm not anything like.

I can make people laugh or cry, and I also love being in the spotlight," Tamera Gentry said.

In drama class, one may read plays or discuss the techniques of acting, before one can act. One may also learn the history of the theater or do pantomimes.

"Drama is a really fun class, I have learned more about literature. It makes understanding English a lot easier and I've also learned how to take criticism," Shendanna Boykin said.

Recently, drama performed **The Secret Life of Walter Mithey** at Harding University. Students participated in duet acting and poetry readings. All participants received ex-

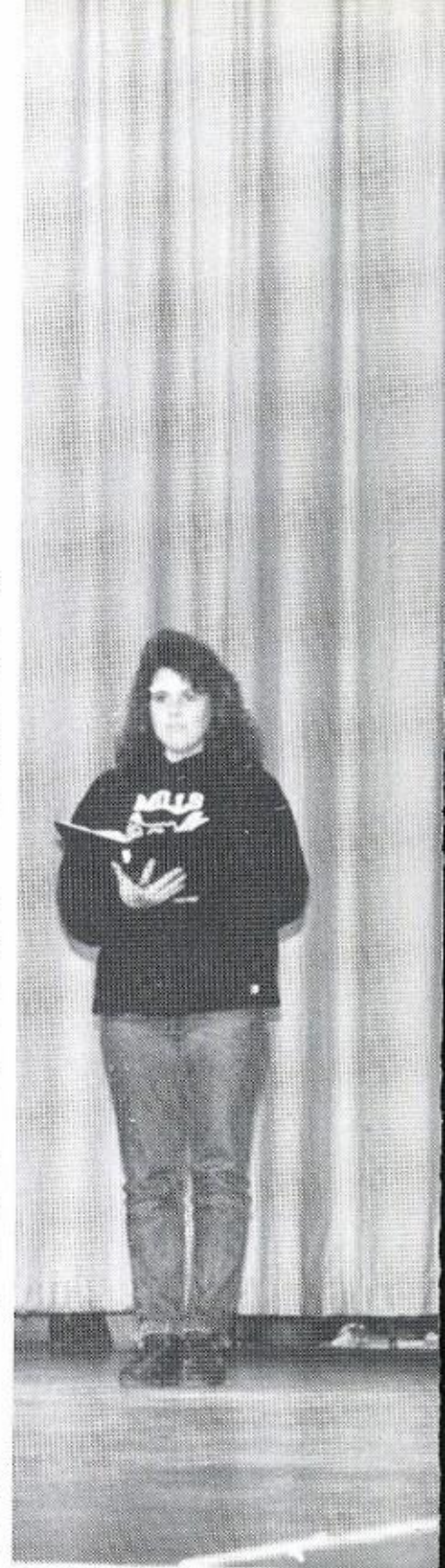
cellent ratings.

"The student actors who performed **The Secret Life of Walter Mithey** did a great job. They brought the characters to life," Kristy Henson said.

The drama club is open to the entire school, but most members are in the class. Basically they are trying to get the club on its feet.

"You are able to forget about your own feelings for a while and put it all in parts you are playing" Tiffany Murphree said.

Ms. St. Clair's drama class rehearses for the Readers Theatre that they produced for the students during their English class.

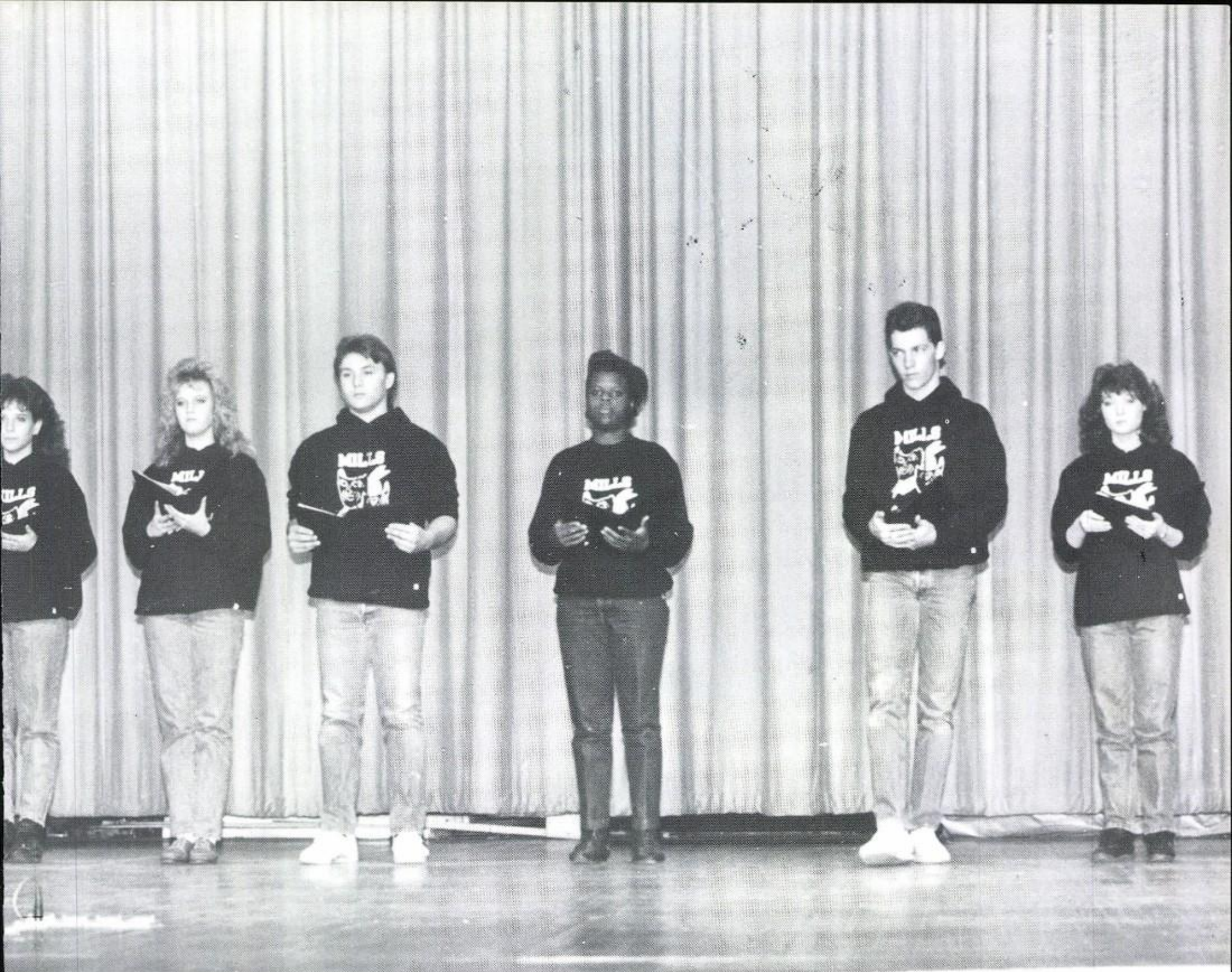


Ms. St. Clair intensively observes play practice for the Readers Theatre. After which she will help them to perfect the short play.

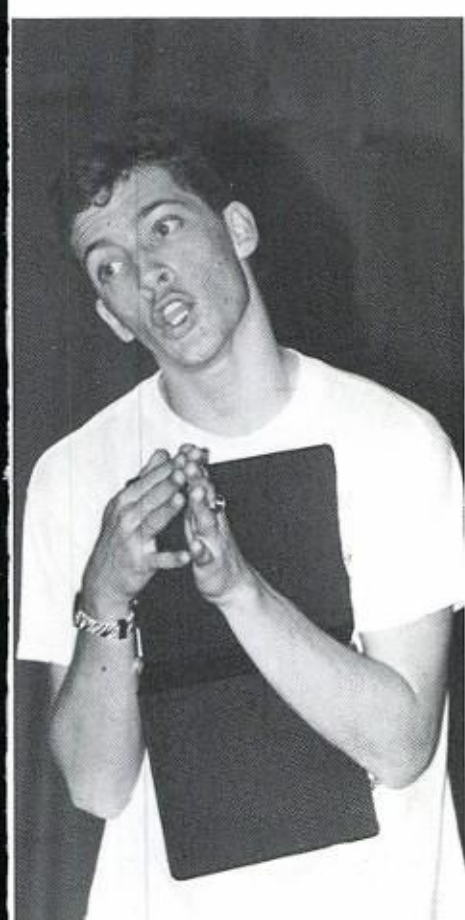
Kim Sullivan takes a well deserved break during play practice, while practicing for the play, **The Secret Life of Walter Mithey**.



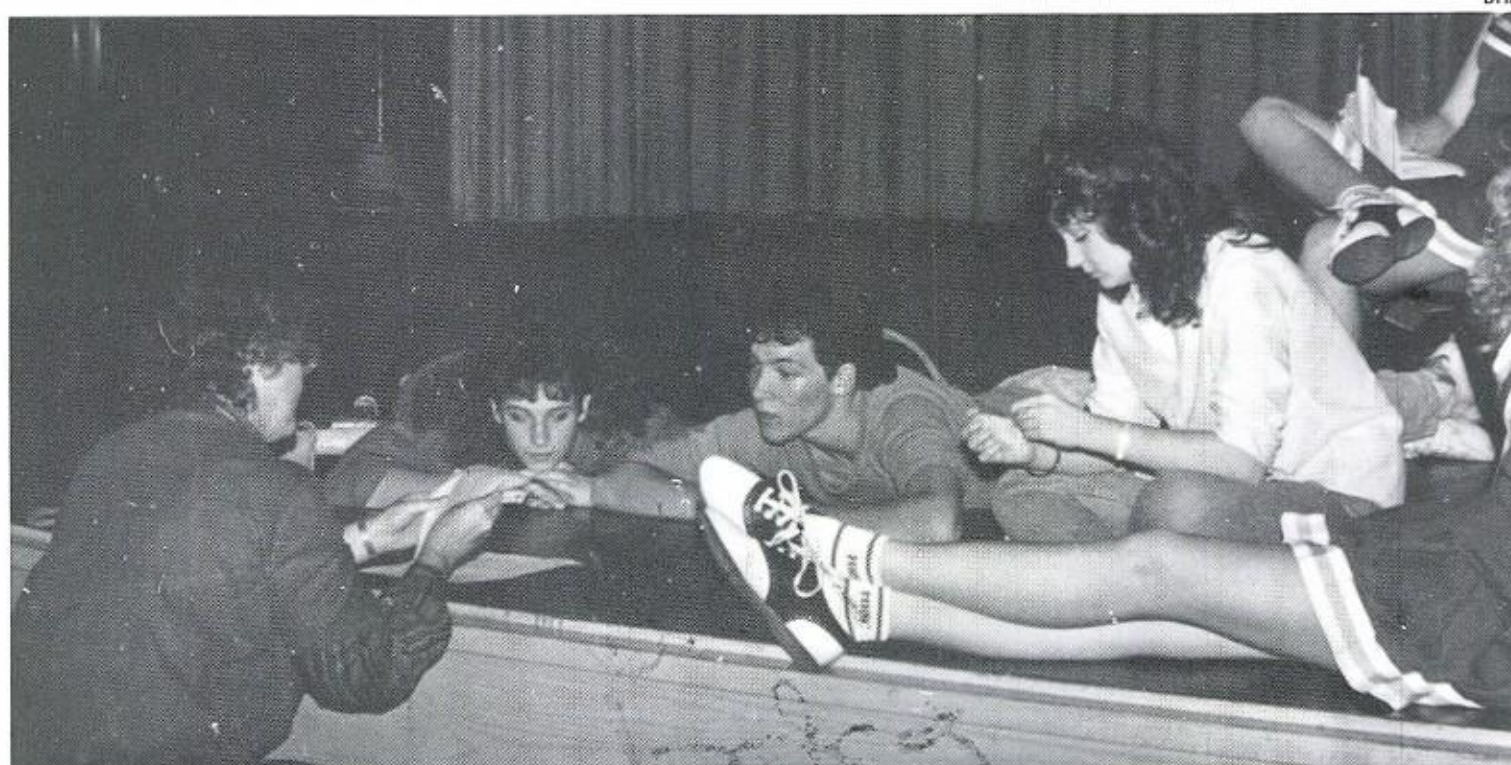
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Scott McEntire acts out a dramatic scene while performing in the Readers Theatre, during an afterschool play practice.

Ms. St. Clair's drama class listens diligently as she explains the upcoming play that they will perform at competition.

In Order to Enjoy English - Get Involved

Kim Ferrell
Staff

If my English teacher is understanding and easy to talk to, the class is 100% more enjoyable to me and is a lot more fun to be in. It is much easier to learn if a class is interesting, you would be surprised at the difference that it makes," said Diane Clark.

It doesn't matter if you have regular or AP English, the challenge is still great. Some teachers emphasize the teaching of grammar and spelling while others stress the importance of writing essays and compositions. Sometimes they even throw in a few novels just for good measure.

"Because I spend so much time in the library, I feel like I deserve my own table!" said Matt Pinkerton.

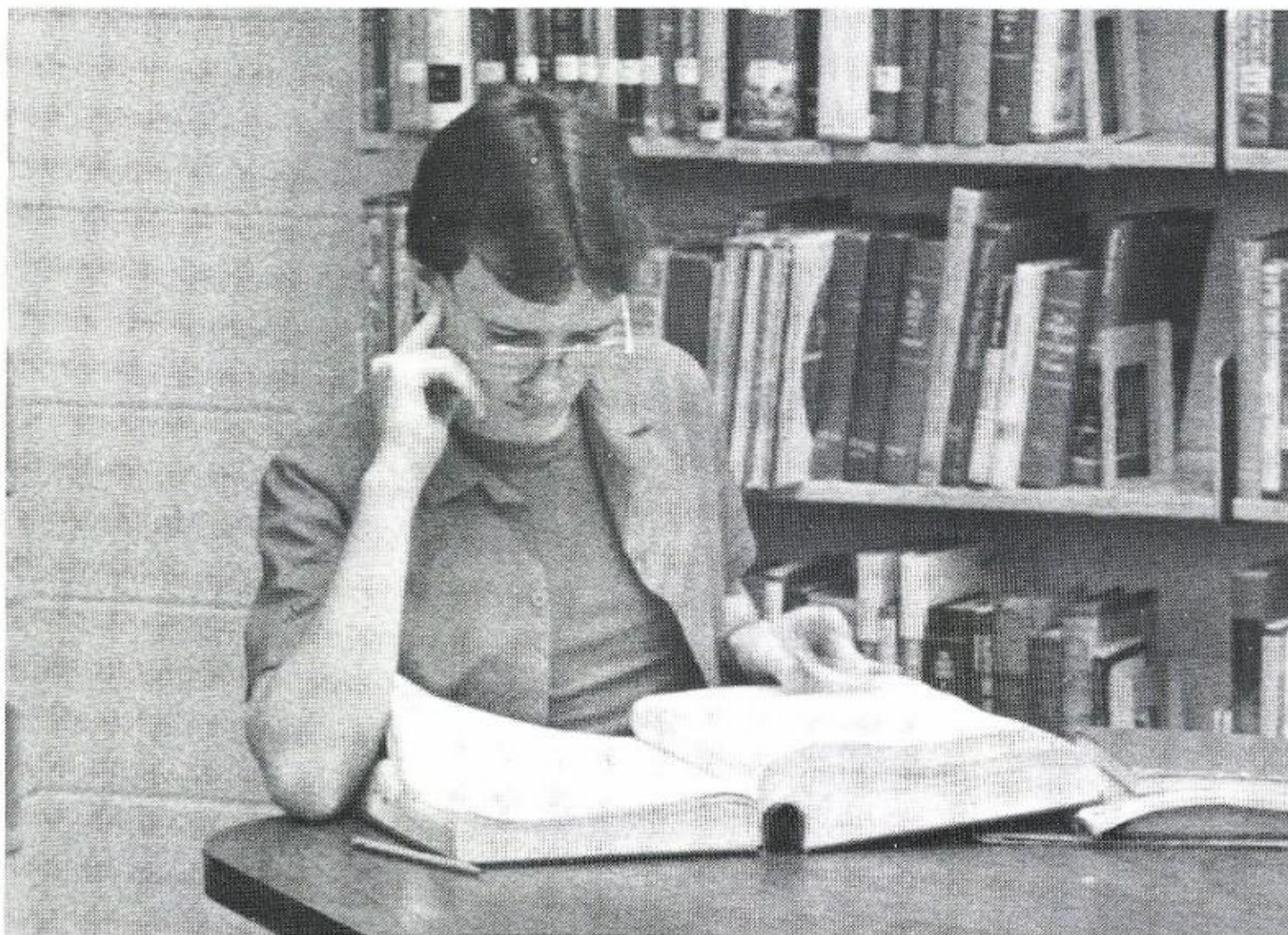
Extra credit is a good reason to go to the library. Many teachers give extra credit for book reports or term papers and the library is a great source of information. At UALR on Thursday nights educational films were shown and as a bonus to those who went, some teachers gave extra credit points. However not every teacher gives extra credit so there are those students who didn't get the privilege of that something ex-

tra.

"Extra credit is a chance to make up a grade you might have missed; so it's really not fair that some teachers don't give extra credit," said Kristy Henson.

There are many different types of languages. They have existed in some form or another since the beginning of time. In much the same way, there are several different types of English; written English, spoken English, body English, and most important, Mills English.

Extra time in the library pays off with extra credit. This is also a great way to practice for Trivial Pursuit!



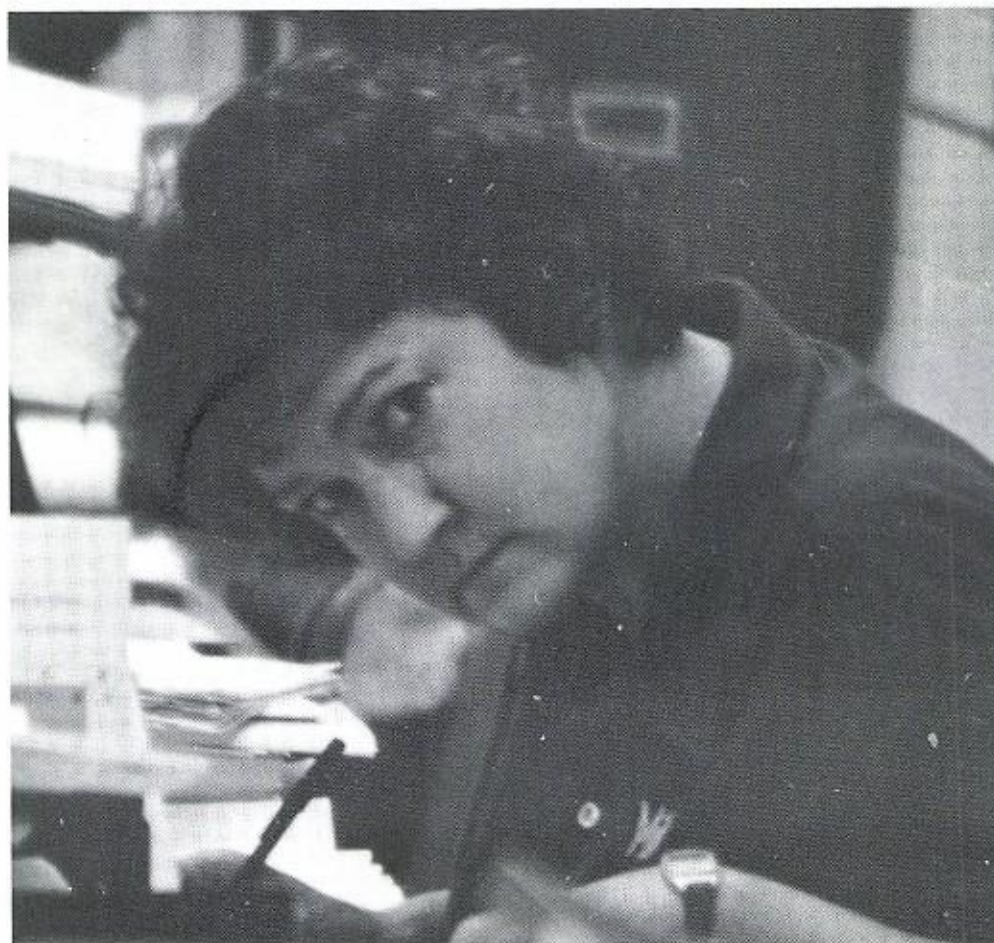
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Mike Horton

Communication between teacher and student is of vital importance. Mrs. Suedmeyer and Andy Lucas demonstrate the teacher/student relationship.

"How dare you disturb me!" This is the look reserved for those special occasions - such as, the day term papers must be graded.

Vikki Honkkila accompanied Mrs. Green on the field trip to see the play **Mother Hicks**. Extra credit was given to the students who went.

"Dead" - line Means World War III on the

Galaxy Staff

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

As you walk into the English wing, you hear numerous voices yelling: "Do your page design, write your story, set this copy and turn in all photo requests - NOW!" You would think that World War III is taking place, but this is only the dreaded "dead"-line of the **Galaxy** staff.

"The one thing that I hate about deadlines is that for twenty-nine days out of the month people are friendly, but when deadline comes around,

they transform into monsters," Kevin Coker said.

The **Galaxy** paper staff faced many problems this year: Mrs. Wilcox on maternity leave for six weeks, a smaller staff than before, and the printer was moved from McClellan to Jacksonville.

"A lot of our problems were due to consolidation which caused our printer to be moved. Mrs. Wilcox's maternity leave caused us to be without our advisor for six weeks," Lori Pennington said.

This year the **Galaxy** has sixteen members, which is less than in years past. The

staff consists of fourteen seniors, one junior, and one sophomore.

"There is an advantage of having so many Seniors on staff because we've worked with each other for two years," Suzanne Melton said.

Even though the **Galaxy** staff was experienced, the **Galaxy** faced criticism every month when the paper was distributed.

"We know the mistakes that we make on the paper. No one criticizes the paper as much as we do in a group together. We are our worst critics," Jennifer Jones said.



Searching for mistakes, Kevin Coker proofreads his story so he can turn it in to be typeset on the computer before going to the printer.

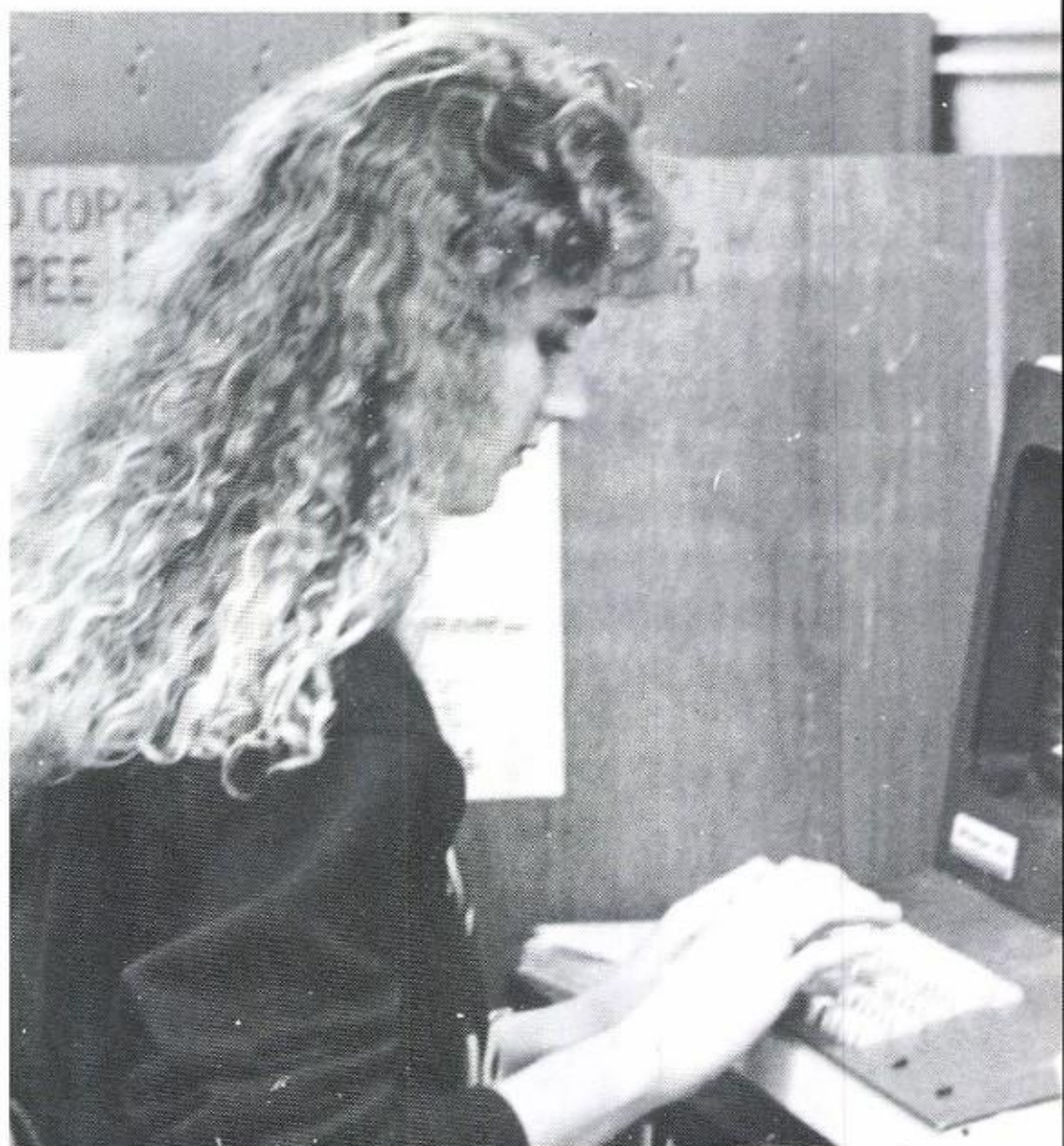
Editor Lori Pennington searches for story assignments so that she can make the new story assignments for the next paper.

Cindy Hope



Cindy Hope

Caroline Breashears types diligently to typeset copy on the computer in order for the **Galaxy** to make its deadline at the printer.



Cindy Hope



Brian Linn

"How about this one?" says Jennifer Jones to Lisa Blair as she asks her to comment on whether she likes her page design.

Sweet aromas and planning budgets make school Home Away From Home

Felicia Bunting

Staff

Students walked into the halls and smelled a sweet aroma of food that almost swept them off of their feet. Many followed the aroma into the classroom of sewing machines, textbooks, and kitchen appliances to take a Home Economics class.

Home Ec. I & II are the classes where students learn to cook like "dear ole' mom." This consumer education class prepares students for the future by teaching them household skills.

"I want to learn to cook and to design clothes,"

Rhonda Hansberry said.

Foods and Nutrition is designed to help you learn about nutrition, how to plan meals, and to prepare a variety of foods.

In Textiles and Clothing students study pattern designs and sew.

"I really enjoy Textiles and Clothing. Mrs. Boone is a great teacher and she made me feel very confident about myself and my ability while making my very "first" outfit. It's fun and you learn a lot," Lynette Linsey said.

Interpersonal Relationship shows the importance of being a part of a family. Parenting shows the importance of being a

mother, father, and others in the development of a child. Housing is to keep up the house by cleaning, dusting, vacuuming, and just doing household chores. Family Finance teaches people how to budget their money, plan budgets, pay bills, and use money wisely.

Future Homemakers of America is a organization made up of mostly Home Ec. students. They have 63 members who presented a movie called **Shades**, and a fashion show.

Ronnie Wallace, Kevin Hinton, and Bryon Jones are getting it together by pinning the material they need to sew for an outfit.



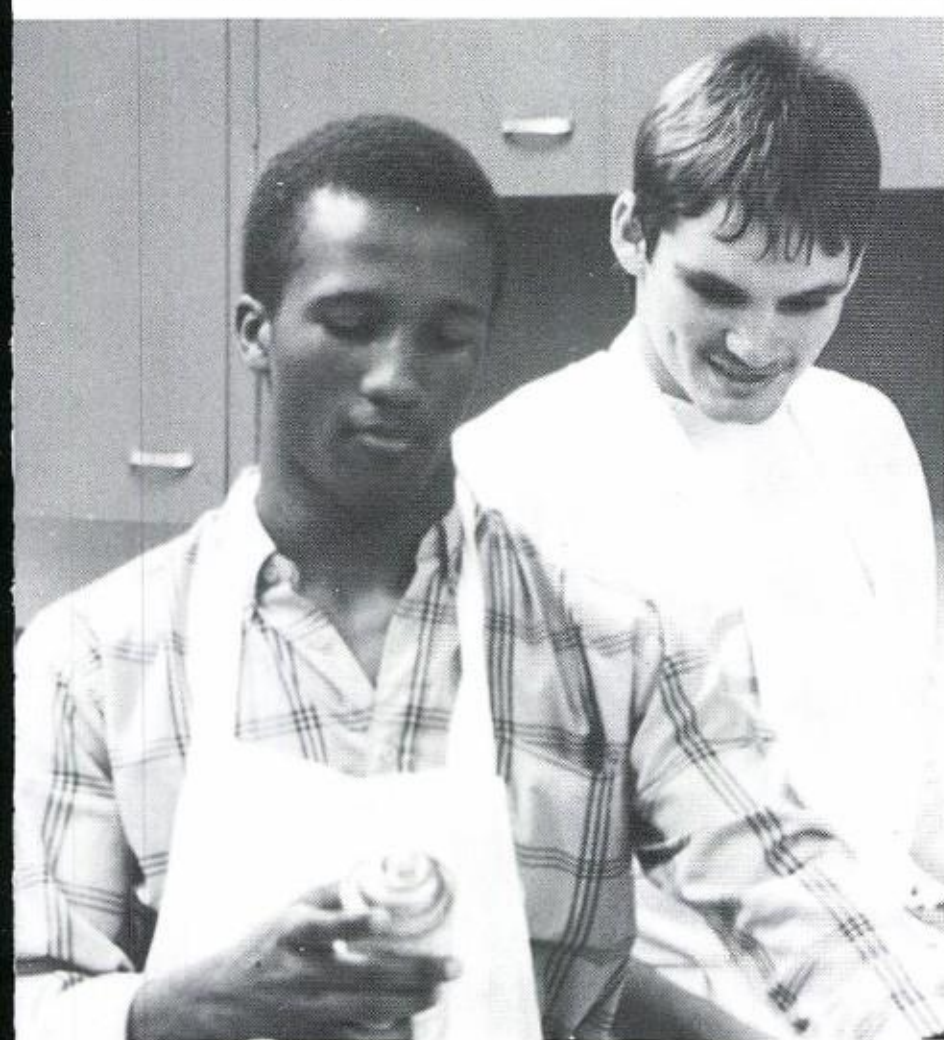
Toni Marshall bends over in order to cut her pattern right for an outfit she's going to make to enter in the fashion show.

Knoxie Hall closes the refrigerator after gathering all his ingredients as he prepares to cook during class for Thanksgiving.





Brian Linn



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Jason Welch watches Knoxie Hall in amazement as he attempts to spray and season the turkey for their class dinner.

Tammy Russell listens to her teacher, Mrs. Boone, as she tries to show her the right way to pin her pattern design.

The Good and the Bad; we all share in the "pi"

A Piece of the "Pi"

Colette Miller

Staff

Sooner or later it is bound to kick in. The math-aholics of today are a sure result of the "Pi Syndrome". Symptoms are:

- 1) repetition of 3.14
- 2) having the urge to divide everything
- 3) seeing the symbol "II" everywhere
- 4) feeling the need to add and subtract all the numbers on the speed limit signs
- 5) wanting to multiply all of the test scores by 100
- 6) substituting the letters D and F with A and B

Some students feel that they will never need the arithmetic that they have learned.

"I think I already know

(math), but I'm just taking this for a credit. It's not going to do me any good," Larry Steliban said.

There are more students that feel their mathematical needs are being met. In just about every area of business, arithmetic is going to be needed. The Business Math class offered helps to prepare students for this area of careers.

"I think it will help me to make good financial decisions. I believe it can give you an edge over the minority population. It will help me reduce the chances of me making a business mistake. Balancing a check properly will be easier to do," Terry Piggee said.

The challenge of arithmetic intrigues some

while it baffles others. There are students that thrive on mathematical equations. It truly inspires them to figure out problems. Without these people near-impossible problems would never have answers.

"I look at math as a challenge. I plan to go to college and major in Engineering. This math will really help me and it keeps me from wasting a year," Norman Dunn said.

All of the math students share one thing in common. In one way or another they help or hurt others around them. Helping by encouraging them to take on challenges; hurting by diminishing the will to study. It is a sad, but true fact. For the most part, helping is prevalent.

Mrs. Person's student teacher checks over Ronnie Robinson's shoulder to help him complete one of his homework problems.



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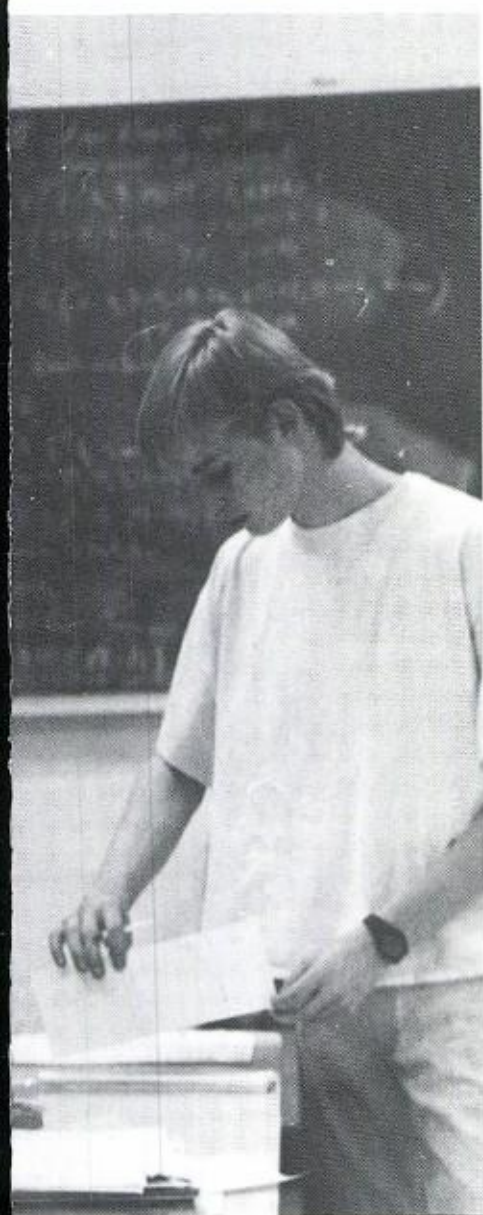
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Chris Davis is a direct result of the past year's mathematical studies. She shows total concentration while she's constantly swamped in her lessons.

Kristi Walker listens intently as Mrs. Larson verbally and visually explains her trigonometry lesson on the board.



Brian Linn



Brian Linn



Mike Horton

Mr. Stender shows some interest as he glances down to look at Toby Harris hesitate to turn in a very important assignment.

Patricia Burrows waits patiently for some help from Mr. Stroud with a classroom math assignment.

Discover the biological aspects of life and Gain New Understanding

Kim Ferrell
Staff

"I love science! It helps me to understand what's really going on around me!" Christy Halloway said.

A science course is one that will be used for the rest of a person's life. It teaches students about things that have confused them in the past and presents them with knowledge of their surroundings.

"In science class I can study about something that interests me and then I can go out and relate it back to what I have learned," Linda Lowery

said.

For the great variety of interests in the many scientific fields, there are different classes for the students to complete. Biology I is the basis for all higher level biology classes, such as Zoology. The other sciences classes, Chemistry and Physics, require an efficient mathematical background. Chemistry is the study of the compositions of substances. Physics is the study of work. These are only the most basic definitions of two very complex subjects and for the student taking these classes, a great amount of devotion is necessary.

"I've taken Chemistry for three years and I feel like each year I gain a deeper understanding of the material that is covered," Keith Couch said.

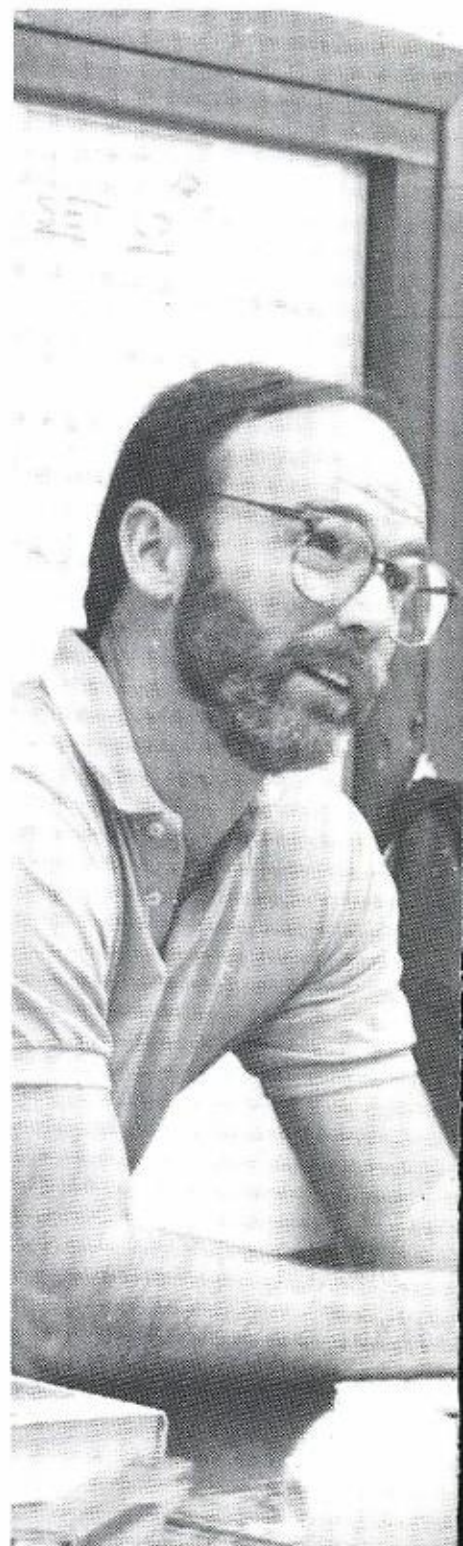
These classes are the first steps into the knowledge of science. Some students who accept the challenges of the science classes are the scientists of the future.

"Science is the key to the future. Without people trying new things, where would we be? I'm glad that there are people out there who are willing to experiment and find out new things," Charlotte Burris said.

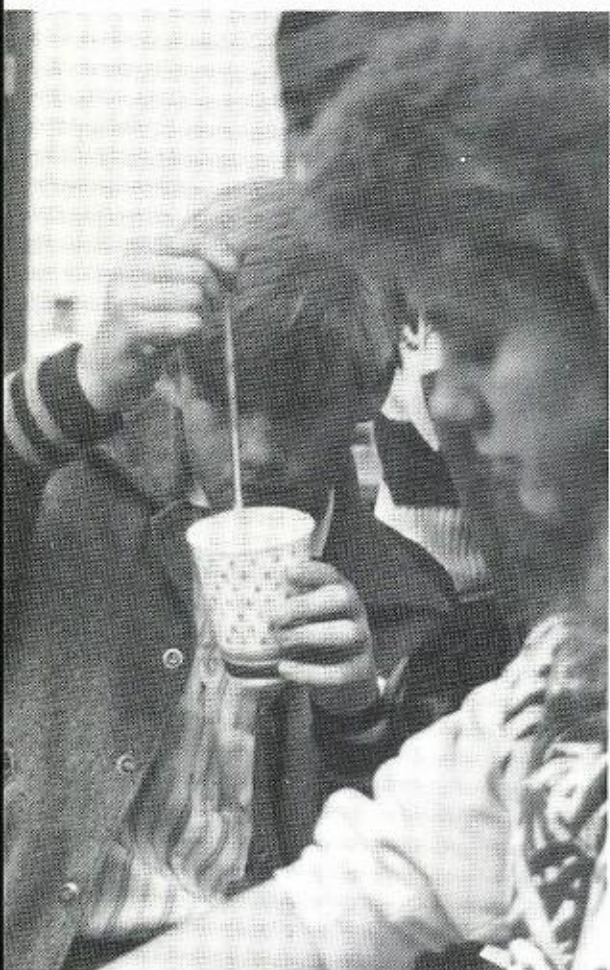
Jay Heflin and Kelly Ziegler work diligently on an experiment assigned to their Chemistry class, fourth period.

Mr. Earleywine instructs his Biology I class on the fundamentals of the human body cell and its functions.

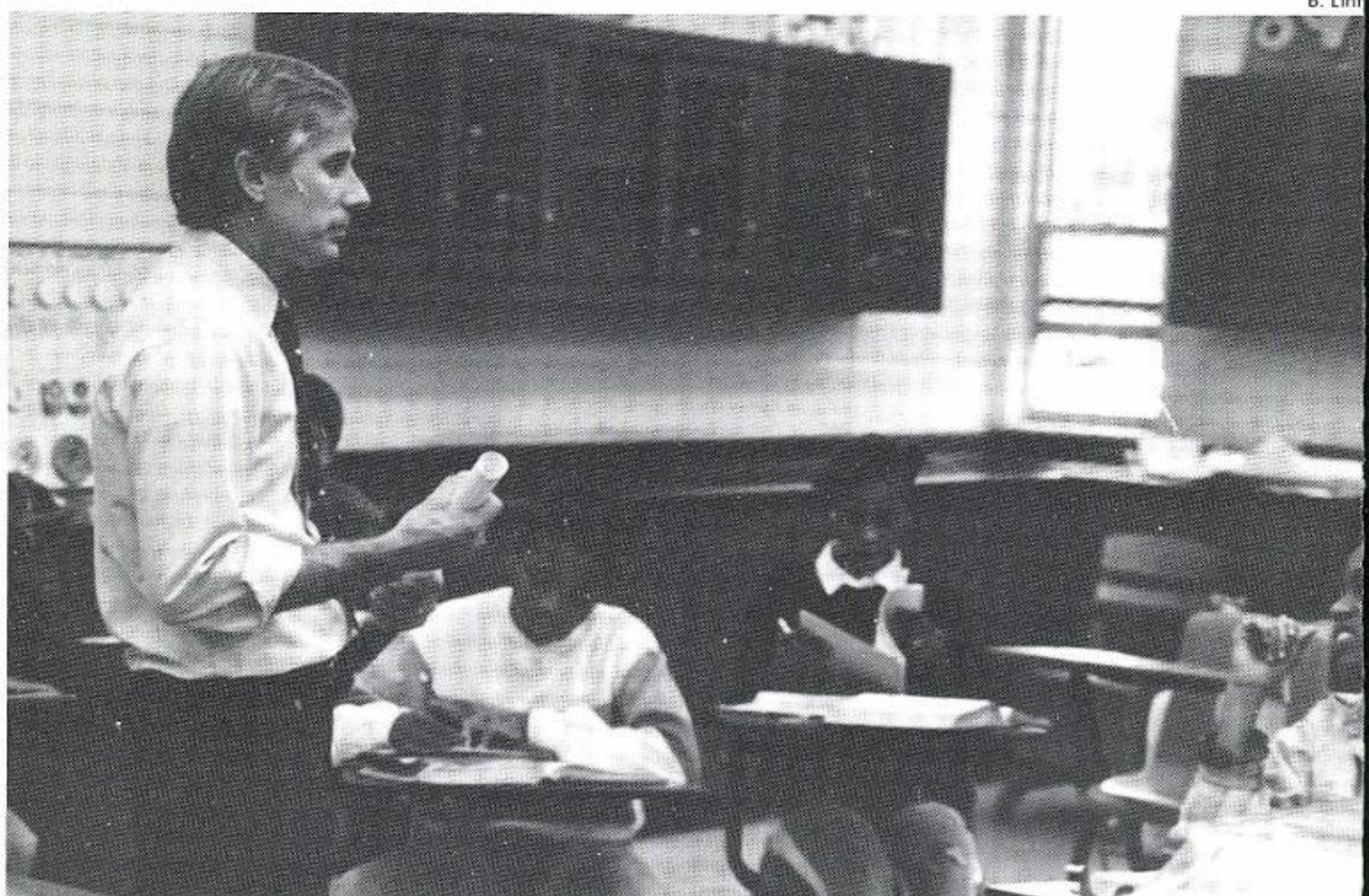
Coach Runyan sits and listens to the questions asked by his students, then, prepares an answer for them.



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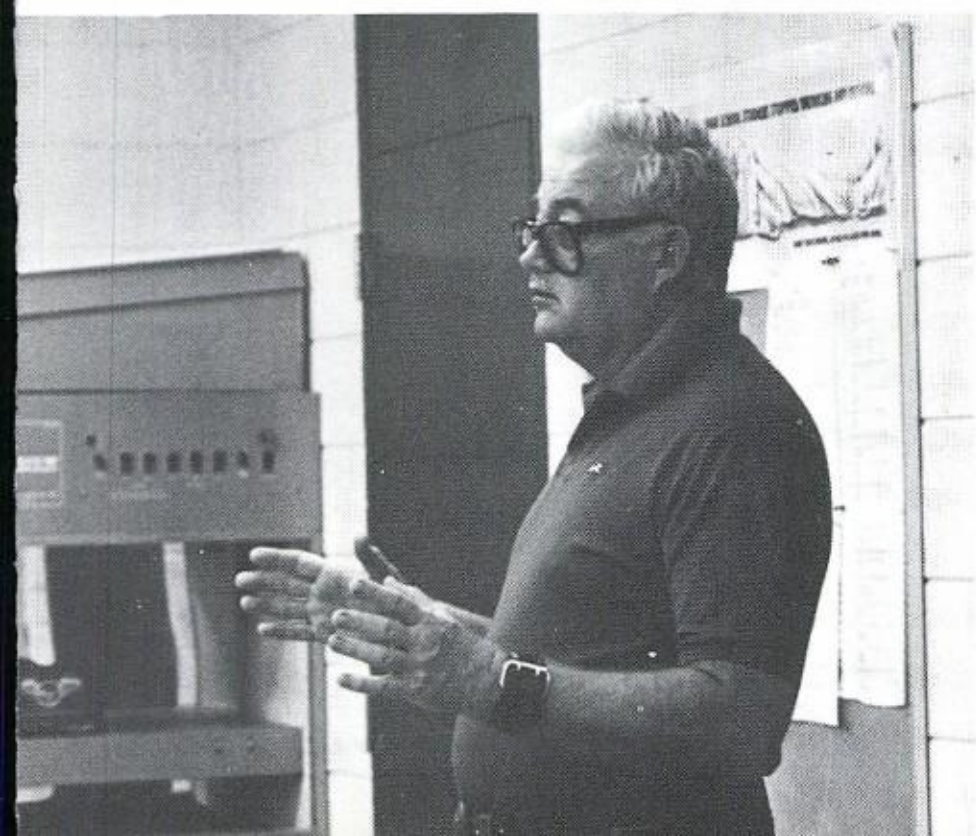
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Students in Chemistry get involved in the class experiment. Experiments are done to discover the reactions of certain chemicals.

Neomy Hernandez gets intrigued by something new and interesting she found while thumbing through her Biology book.



C. Hope

Mr. Daniels gives his fourth period Biology I class a lecture on the high points of the chapter on viruses.

People may not understand, but they will learn History Can Make A Difference

Felicia Bunting

Staff

History of the United States is like the old poem! In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue . . .

American history is just one of the different types of many social studies classes.

American government teaches you the Bill of Rights, procedures of the government, and many more different things.

"American government is a interesting course. It is basically reviewing you from previous history classes," Russell Jackson said.

World History is where you learn about the different kinds of people who lived long time ago in A.D. and B.C.

An American government teacher, Evelyn Coppola and a senior Leah Pennington founded an organization called Junior Political Animals Club. They are the first high school branch of the JPAC in the state.

JPAC is involved also with the Close-up Program. Together, they sent students from across the nation to Washington D.C., for a week. In order to raise money for the trip they put on many differ-

ent fundraisers.

"Some of the fundraisers we are doing to raise money are car washes, auctions, talent shows, fish-fries, and selling candy," April Hirby said.

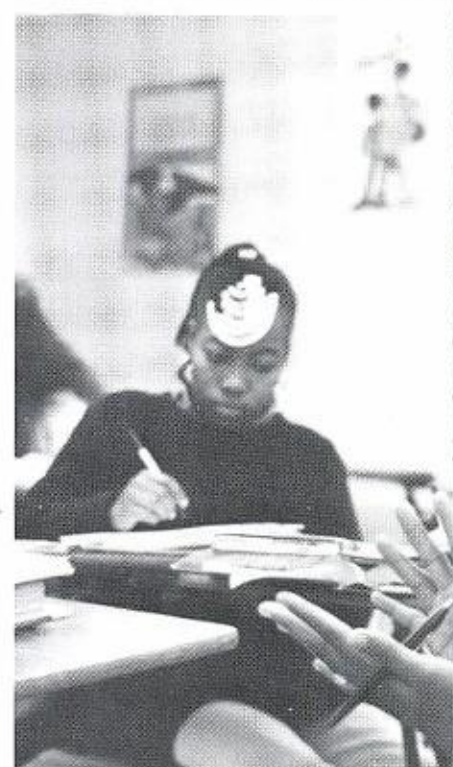
There are 14 members of JPAC and not all went but they all helped to raise money. They felt that the junior chapter of the Political Animals can make as much of a difference in the state as the politicians in office.

Lakhiva Blann and Bobby Current sit at one of the tables in their social studies class concentrating and working hard to finish their assignment.



Brian Linn

April Hirby and Damon D'Amico sit and listen during one of their Political Animals meetings held in the library to discuss and plan more fund raisers.





Brian Linn



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Carla Hall and Tonja Smith try to finish their work in class while Tara Parrish explains to them the importance of the lesson.

Marcy Woods attempts to study and finish her work during class while Lisa Maccon is in another world as she daydreams and wish for the bell to ring.

Something More Than Just . . .

Academics?

Nita Simmons

Ads Editor

Electronics, philosophy, sports, theology, journalism, art and psychology. These are but a few interests and studies of students in the Talented And Gifted program. TAG seminar allows students to study any topic that interests them. Each student in seminar does this in the form of an independent project.

The seminar class holds discussions on critical thinking, modern problems, problem solving, human behavior, and developing creativity skills.

"In TAG, we learn to think, and we learn to de-

fend our thoughts in arguments," Lisa Berry said.

Mrs. Whitfield, the TAG facilitator, helps to motivate students to pursue their interests. She also supplies an ample amount of resources to use for independent studies.

"Mrs. Whitfield always adds a little push when it's needed," Dean Lewis said.

Most of the independent projects are a result from great interests. TAG students spent much time looking at colleges and universities. Karen Shumaker and Lisa Berry made a file from the mounds of information from various colleges and universities.

"This year was my last chance to do a major proj-

ect with Lisa and to leave my mark on Mills," Karen Shumaker said.

Neil McElroy used his outside interests to support the program. He held a concert with his band Twitch to raise money for the TAG fund.

"Music gives me an outlet for my creativity," Neil McElroy said.

Many of the students are very dedicated to TAG, some of the students have been in TAG programs since third grade.

"I love TAG. I need it; I'm addicted to it," Keith Wheeler said.



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Steven Kirshberger gets deeply involved with a new computer program which depicts an extensive war between two countries.

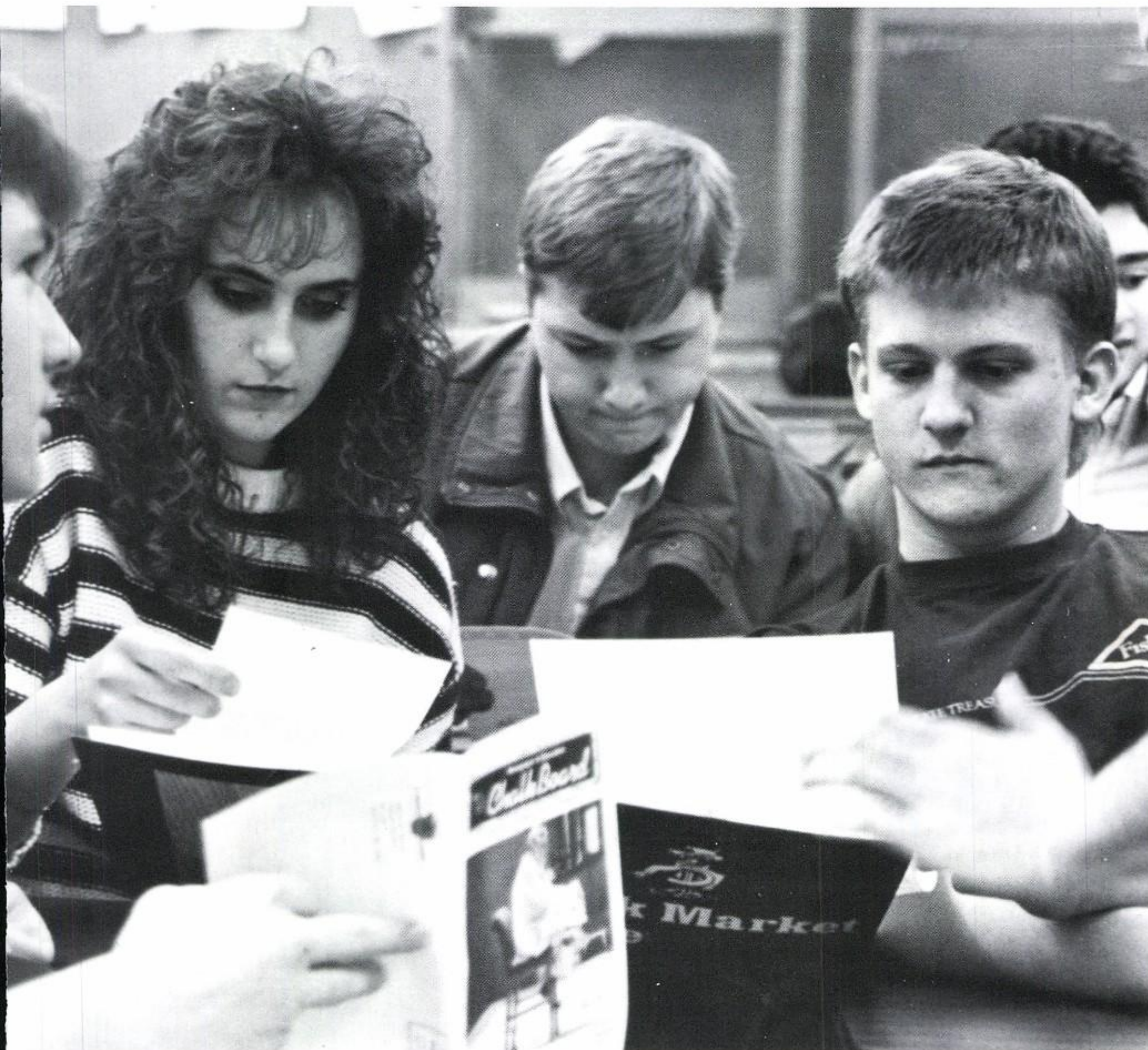


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Keith Wheeler discusses important dates of scheduled events with Mrs. Whitfield in efforts to plan a day for a guest speaker.

Neal McElroy uses his creative talents to raise money for the TAG fund so other students can pursue their interests as well.



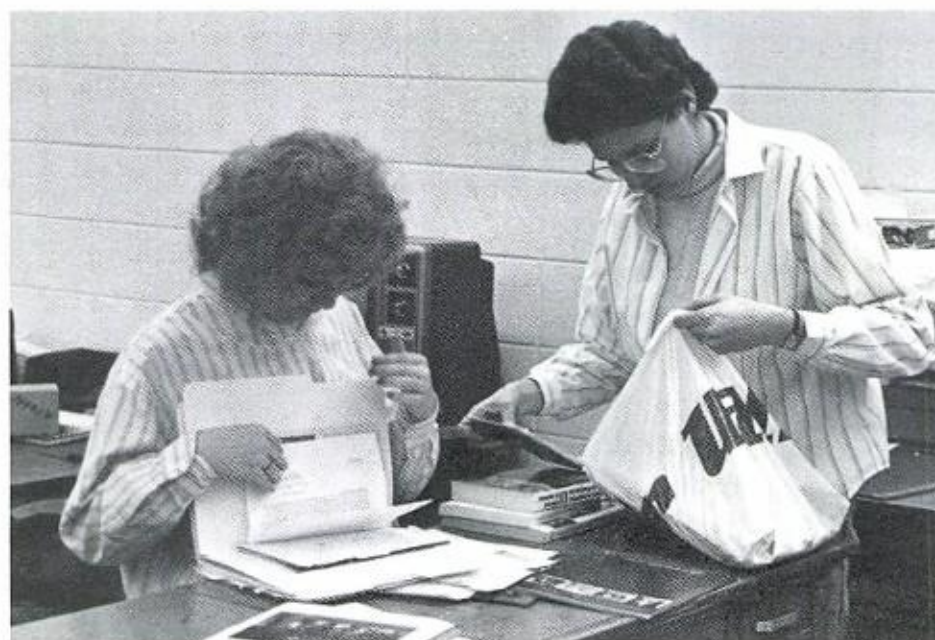


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Kristi Kyzer, Rusty Pifer, Kevin Coker, and Darren Red discuss possible investments in the stock market game sponsored by the *Arkansas Gazette*.



Mike Horton



Brian Lee

Karen Shumaker and Lisa Berry filter through college pamphlets and catalogs to find valuable information to pass on to other students.

Getting a slice of life in the real world in The Working Class.

Laura Miller

Staff

"I have enjoyed VICA for two years now. It has helped me develop good leadership skills and a sense of responsibility," Lang Kirshberger said.

The Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA) program gave students an opportunity to travel and meet people from various types of professions.

VICA is a club open to members of either auto

mechanics, Cooperative Training (ICT), or cosmetology. Vocational classes and the basic academic classes seemed similar but, the difference is quite great.

"In vocational classes you have more freedom. You will use more of the things you have learned in these classes after graduation. In auto mechanics, you do everything from changing spark plugs to building motors," Scooter Scruggs said.

Vocational classes allowed students to gain

hands-on experience and skills that will help in obtaining a career after graduation.

"Exploratory Drafting gave me an opportunity to visualize ideas and put them down on paper where anyone can understand them. In preparation for my career as an engineer, I think it will be a great asset," Danny Vines said.

Evelyn Jones works diligently on her exploratory drafting assignment for Mr. Harkey's class. She learned the basics of drafting.



Brian Linn



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Misty Walker gets a peek into the future by getting her palm read at the Halloween carnival sponsored by the VICA club.

Mr. Smith demonstrates the robot, that was constructed by students in his class, to Mr. Harkey's students.

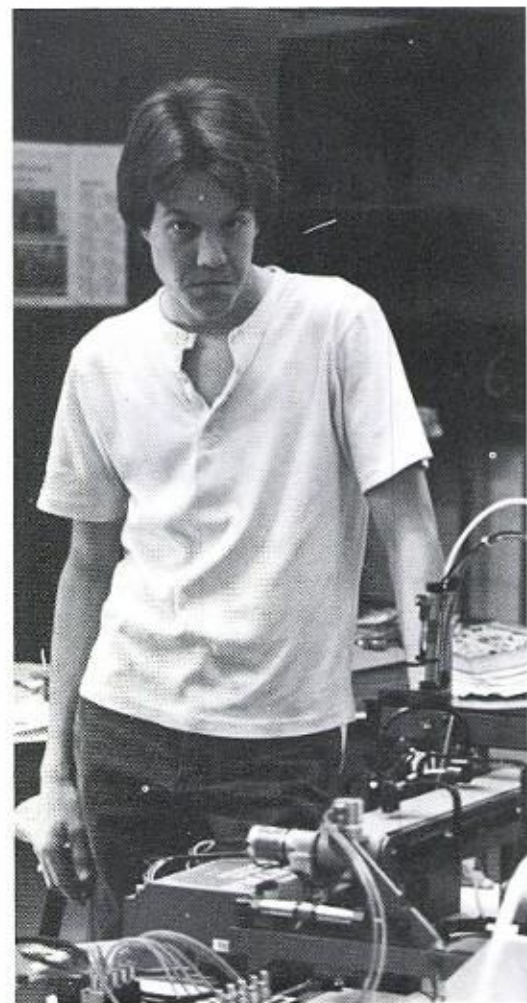


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Senior, Dexter Bunting gets experience that will help him in obtaining a job after graduation in auto mechanics.

"You expect me to know how to work this thing?!" says Joe Wagner's facial expression while in Mr. Smith's class.



Mr. Jones uses the telephone in the VICA office to contact people from various professions to arrange for the students to meet them.

Coming Together

Lisa Berry

Editor

"I'm selling Sweet tarts and Sprees for Art Club, Chocolate for journalism, and suckers for Junior Cabinet! Take your pick!"

Organizations were vital to school. Without club members, how could students have gotten the all-important afternoon sugar fix?!

Other than teaching students to be excellent sales persons, clubs provided a small group atmosphere where a student could meet other students with similar interests. This small group interaction was especially important this year with so many new faces at Mills.

After people settled into the new atmosphere and got down to the real business of school, organizations became an important break in the everyday routine.

"Clubs give me something else to do besides just academic work, and clubs help out the school," Bridgit Thigpen said.

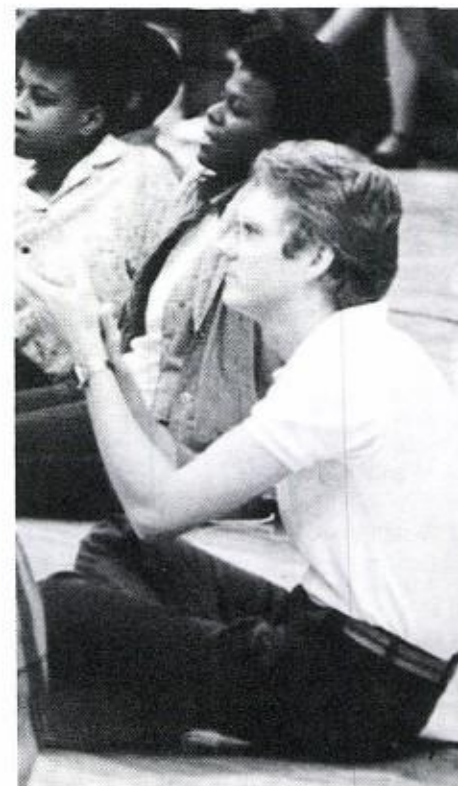
So whether students belong to clubs for socializing or for service, they usually get their share of both.





Jeff Dye gives his best throw in a football toss during the Cosmetology department's Halloween carnival on the practice field.

Mr. McNally applauds the positive events of a "unity" assembly. The purpose of these assemblies was to talk out school problems.



A New Ruling

For Presidential Hopefuls

Laura Miller

Sports Ed

This year a new gavel came down, along with a new ruling. The voting system went from Democratic to randomly selected. Now Lady Luck will be picking and choosing your president and other officials.

"It's a weird situation. I feel a vote would do justice," Tim Wadly said.

Starting this year, the presidential hopefuls and their parties put their name on a piece of paper and tossed it into the hat, literally. Then one person is randomly selected for each position.

"I don't think it's fair because there are a lot of people that want to help and then don't get the chance and then the ones that don't really care get picked and do nothing for the school," Colette

Miller said.

This new system was put into action in order to try and get people other than the same ones over and over each year.

The Student Council is a vital organization to the school. This year they

"It's a weird situation. I feel a vote would do justice."

sponsored both the basketball and football homecomings, collected food for the homeless, organized the blood drive and the Comet Fest, and sponsored several dances. If there is something you want done or something you want passed, this is the place to go.

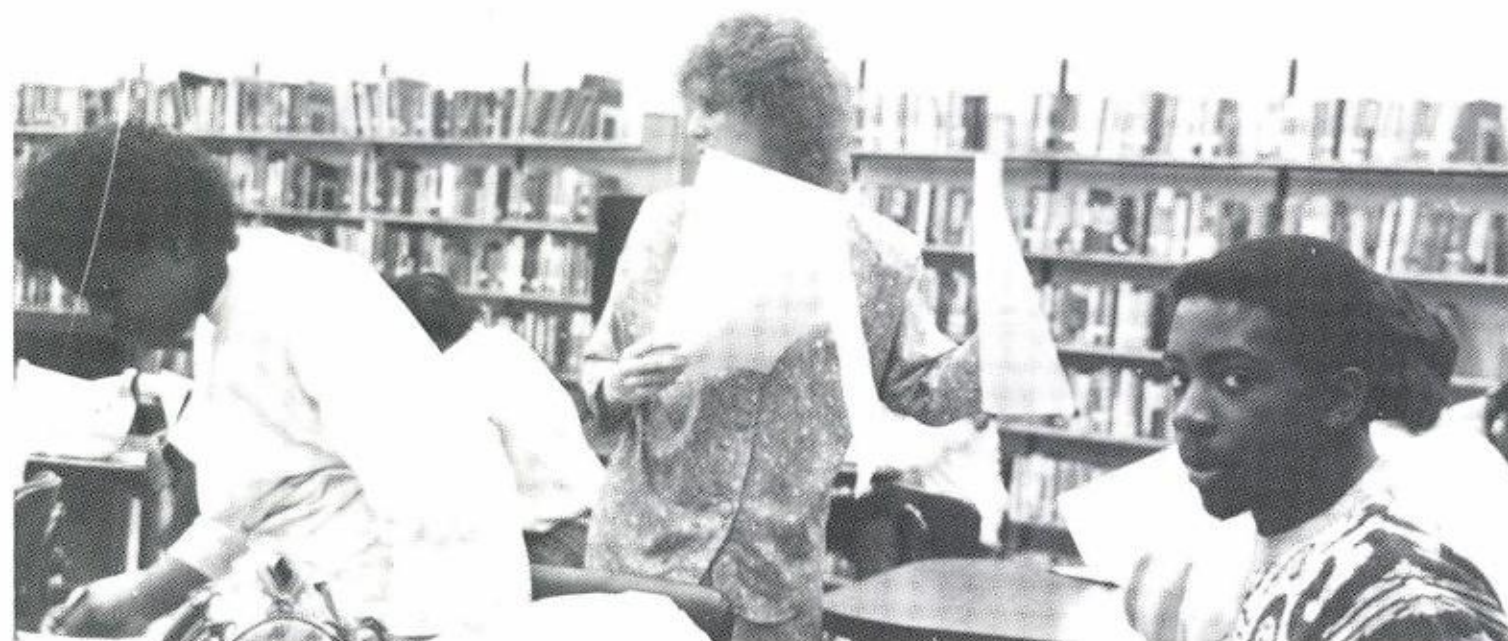
"I am glad I'm on Student Council, because I think we have accomplished a lot this year," Jill Gough said.

The Principal's Student Advisory Committee was organized for improved communication. Their plan was to send out surveys to identify what the primary problems are and then set up a Task Force to attack each problem.

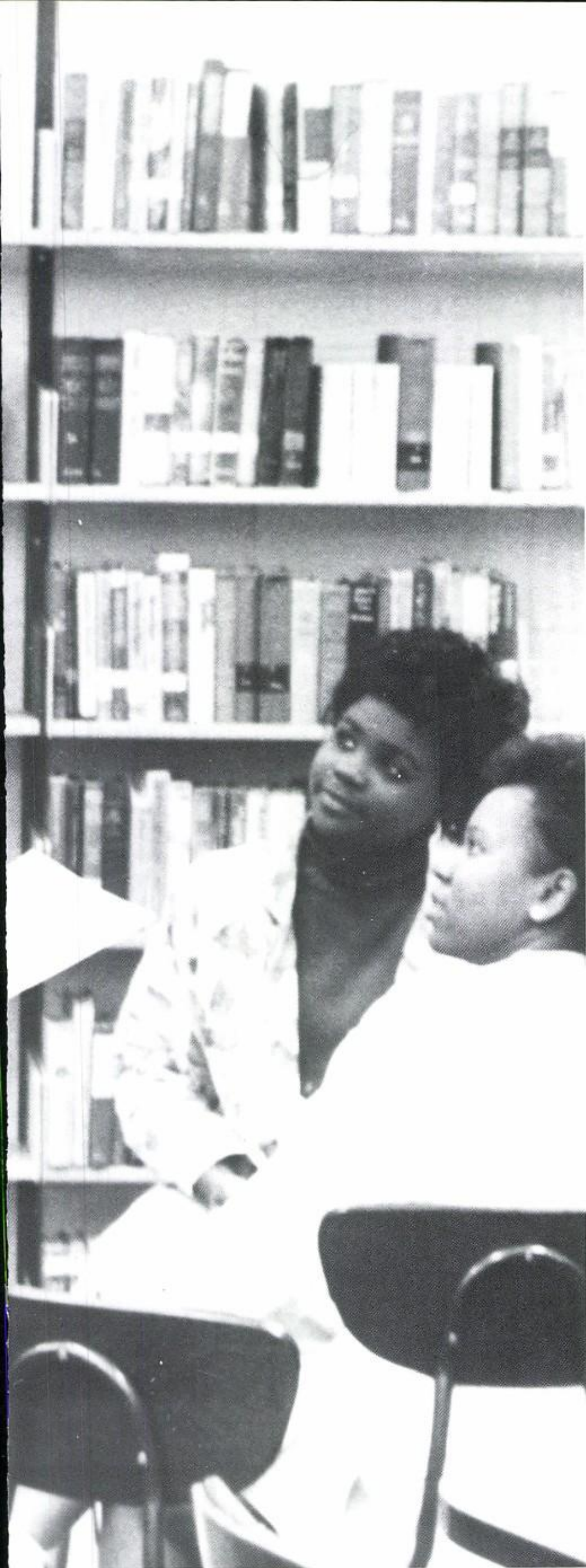
"I think the students are the clients of the system and they should assume responsibility for their own education and take action," coordinator Ms. Ryder-Eckert said.

"You have to be willing to work hard. That's the most important thing," Leann Adams said.

Ms. Ryder-Eckert passes out copies of the agenda for an after school Principal's Advisory Committee meeting.



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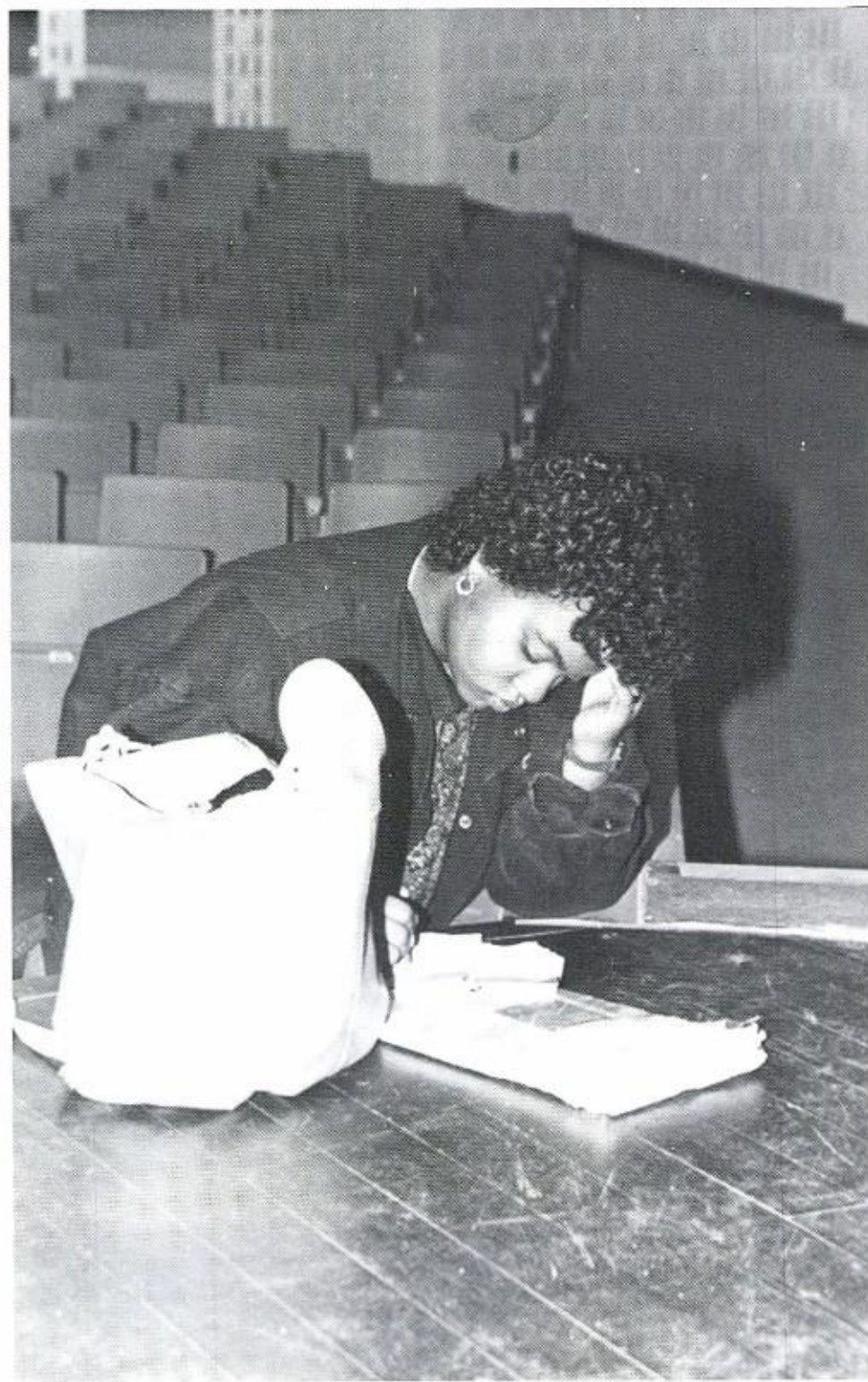
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Mr. Barnes discusses a hand out with members of the Principal's Advisory Committee. Open communication is encouraged in these meetings.

President of the Student Council Lynette Linsy presides over an early morning meeting in the auditorium.



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Gabrielle Fair looks over her notes before making a presentation to fellow members of the Student Council.

Cream Of The Crop

What would we do without them

Colette Miller

Staff

"Sitting silently in the classroom, the door slowly creeps open and a student with a sealed letter walks to your seat and lays it on the desk. With excitement and enthusiasm, you rip the envelope open and the first words you read are "Congratulations, you've been selected to be in Beta Club."

Two very distinct clubs at Mills High School are Beta Club and National Honor Society. These clubs induct members primarily on their grade point average, but other activities outside of school count also. Beta Club con-

sists of students with a B average. National Honor Society mainly includes students with a 3.47 grade point average.

"I felt privileged when they asked me if I wanted

"It's nice to know someone noticed me because I've maintained a B average."

to be in Beta Club. It is a rewarding experience for my hard work. Even though it separated me from the rest of the student body, I'm happy. It's nice to know someone noticed me because I've

maintained a B average," Pam Talley said.

NHS has been more involved in the student body under the new sponsor, Mr. Nelson. NHS sponsored the Celebrity Basketball game, the "Name that Baby Contest," and a food and clothing drive for needy families.

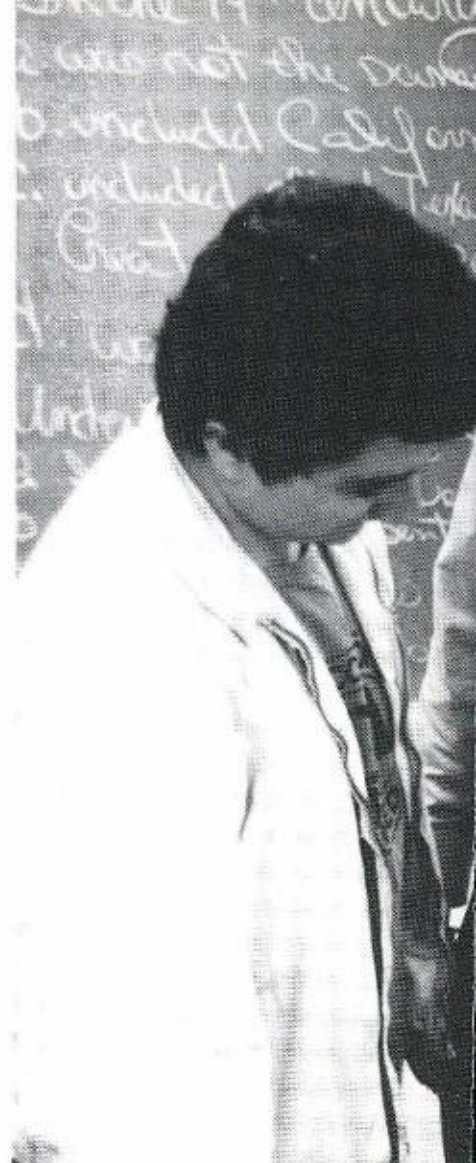
"Mr. Nelson is a good sponsor because he has a lot of new ideas and he wants to get things done," Nita Simmons said.

Students in these clubs realize their importance to the school. Without them there would be no "Cream of the Crop."

Beta Club member, Linda Lowery, listens intently as Ms. Larson speaks to all club members at one of the regular club meetings held in the morning.



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Erik Swafford discusses with Mr. Nelson, National Honor Society sponsor, plans concerning the Celebrity Basketball game.

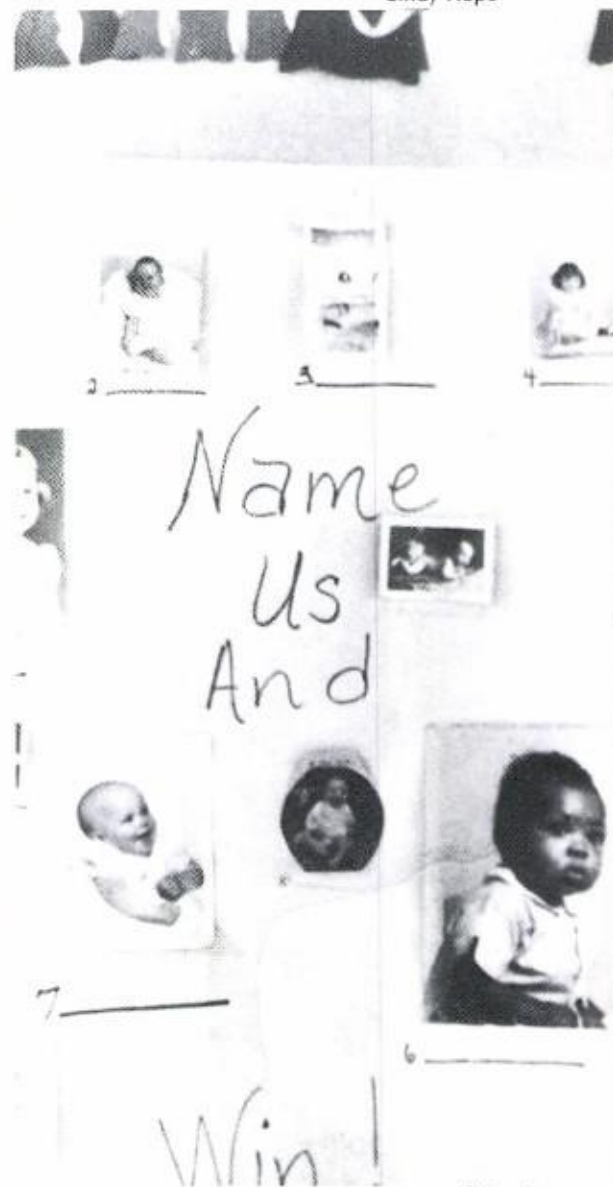
Find anything? Holly Bramel rummages through a box of clothes collected by NHS to be given to needy families by students at Mills High.



Cindy Hope



Cindy Hope



Brian Linn

How's this? Karen Shumaker chats with Holly Bramel about the next fund raiser NHS can participate in, to include the student body.

The "Name that Baby Contest" consisted of baby pictures donated by ten faculty members who voluntarily participated for the benefit of NHS.

Cabinets make plans

Junior and Senior groups book proms, activities

Colette Miller
Staff

Two very important organizations at Mills are Junior and Senior Cabinets. They are important because Junior Cabinet is in charge of plans for the Junior-Senior prom, and Senior Cabinet decides what to leave to the school.

Senior Cabinet sponsors, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Hightower, and Mrs. Elder, helped them organize activities for the seniors. Getting a date, time, and a place for everyone's convenience was sometimes quite tedious. They managed to work out things through weeks of planning and organizing. Going to the McClellan parade to cheer for Mills took extra time for the students to organize.

"This year, Mrs. Hightower has tried to work out a lot of senior activities with Mr. Barnes and we have planned a lot of fun stuff for the seniors," Cheryl Lancaster said.

Many changes have taken place this year with the new principal. Instead of holding graduation

practice at Barton Coliseum, seniors practiced on the football field because they didn't have the funds to rent the whole coliseum. In the past, going to celebrate after practice was favored. Things were modified, but still enjoyed. Talking with the principal and voicing concerns helped everyone feel better about the decision. Seniors have an

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opportunity to be heard in Senior Cabinet.

"I think we're doing a good job working with Mr. Barnes considering the changes we have had to endure. I believe it's been a fun year with the creative and energetic people we have on Senior Cabinet," Chuck Ferrell said.

The energetic people of Junior Cabinet spend

hours upon hours picking, choosing, and making plans for the Junior-Senior prom. Above all, they spend much of their time swamped in fund raisers. They sell candy-grams for important holidays, along with Ozark Mountain suckers. Seeing a Junior Cabinet member bogged down with a sack of suckers and an envelope full of candygrams wasn't unusual especially during the Christmas season. They are always busy doing something around the school, and for the school.

"I wanted to be on Junior Cabinet because I have a chance to participate in choosing things for prom, and I wanted to get more involved in school activities besides just coming and working," Yolonda Tenpenny said.

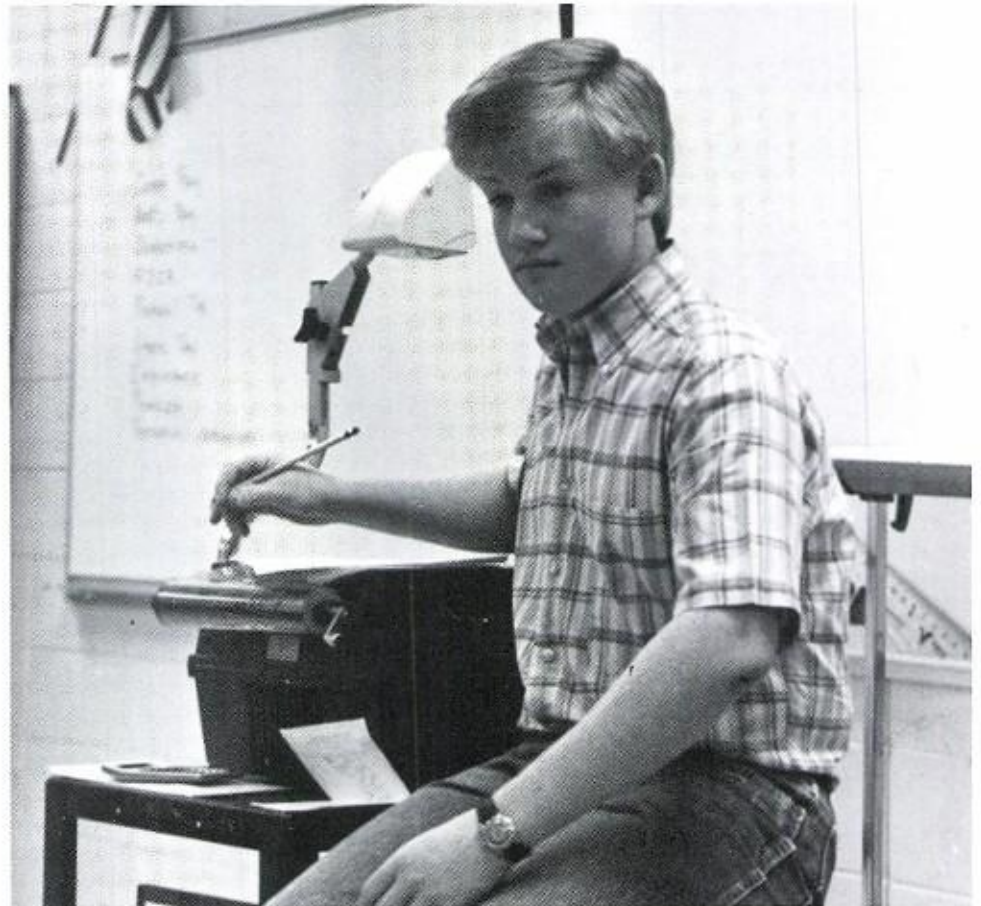
Senior and Junior Cabinets worked together and did many things that affected the school as a whole. Dedication to the clubs made them successful and helpful to all students.



Junior Cabinet sponsors, Mrs. Suedmeyer and Ms. Persons go over decisions for prom decorations with student, Chad Pifer.



President of Junior Cabinet, Jay Heflin, conducts a meeting where colors about prom are being discussed and voted on.



Melody Case gives a suggestion to what the Senior Cabinet should do to leave their mark on Mills High from the class of '88.

Carol Loring and Tina Brooks are two seniors who are lucky enough to have gotten seats at an early morning senior cabinet meeting.

Helping Others

is Number One on their Agenda

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

"Guten!" "Bonjour!" and "Good Day!" were among the few different sounds that were heard by the student body and faculty during the year. These sounds were foreign to some but to a few, it reminded them of home far away.

The Open Door Club promotes this good will.

"The Open Door Club helps to promote the exchange program and it also helps to make us feel comfortable while staying in America," Natapol Polawath said.

The Open Door Club is not the largest organization on campus, but it stands out from all the rest.

"Even though the Open Door Club is small they still do a great deal of good by helping the exchange students feel welcomed," Lisa Macon said.

The Open Door Club's main goal is to bring the

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foreign exchange students together with other students, in hopes that they will enrich each others lives.

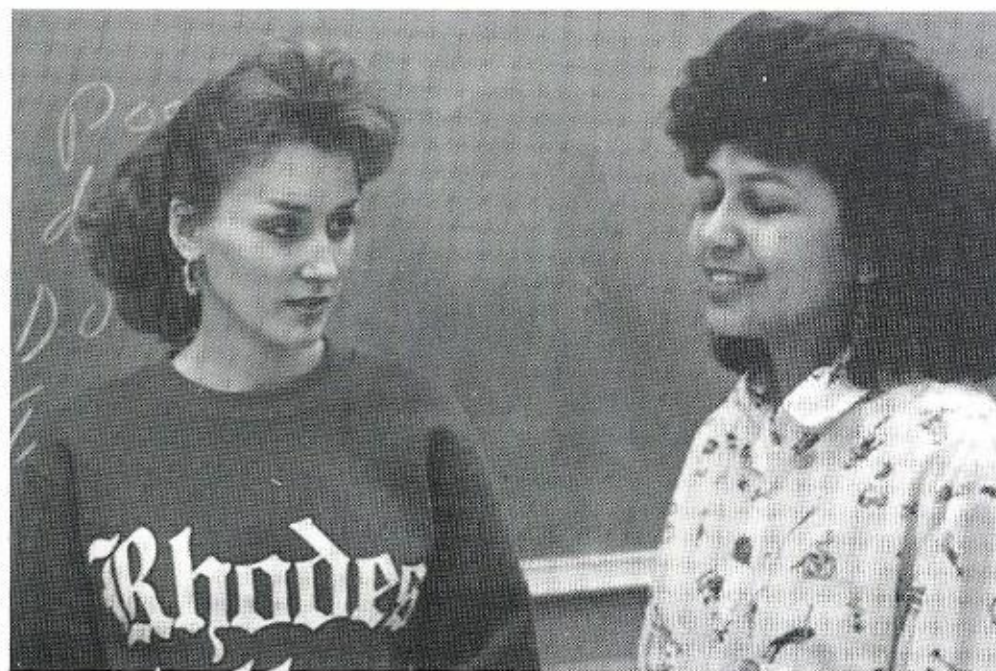
"I think that what the Open Door Club is doing is great because it helps American teenagers and foreign teenagers relate

and learn from each other," Jay Heflin said.

Another organization that helps others in the community by making people happy and providing interaction is the Kings Club.

The Kings Club organization is involved with the Arkansas School for the Deaf. Each year the Kings Club plays the faculty in a basketball game and uses the proceeds to sponsor a Christmas party for the children from the school of the deaf.

"It gave me a great feeling knowing that I was helping out children who can't hear. It was all worth the trouble when I saw the expressions on their face when they opened their gifts," Steve Turnage said.



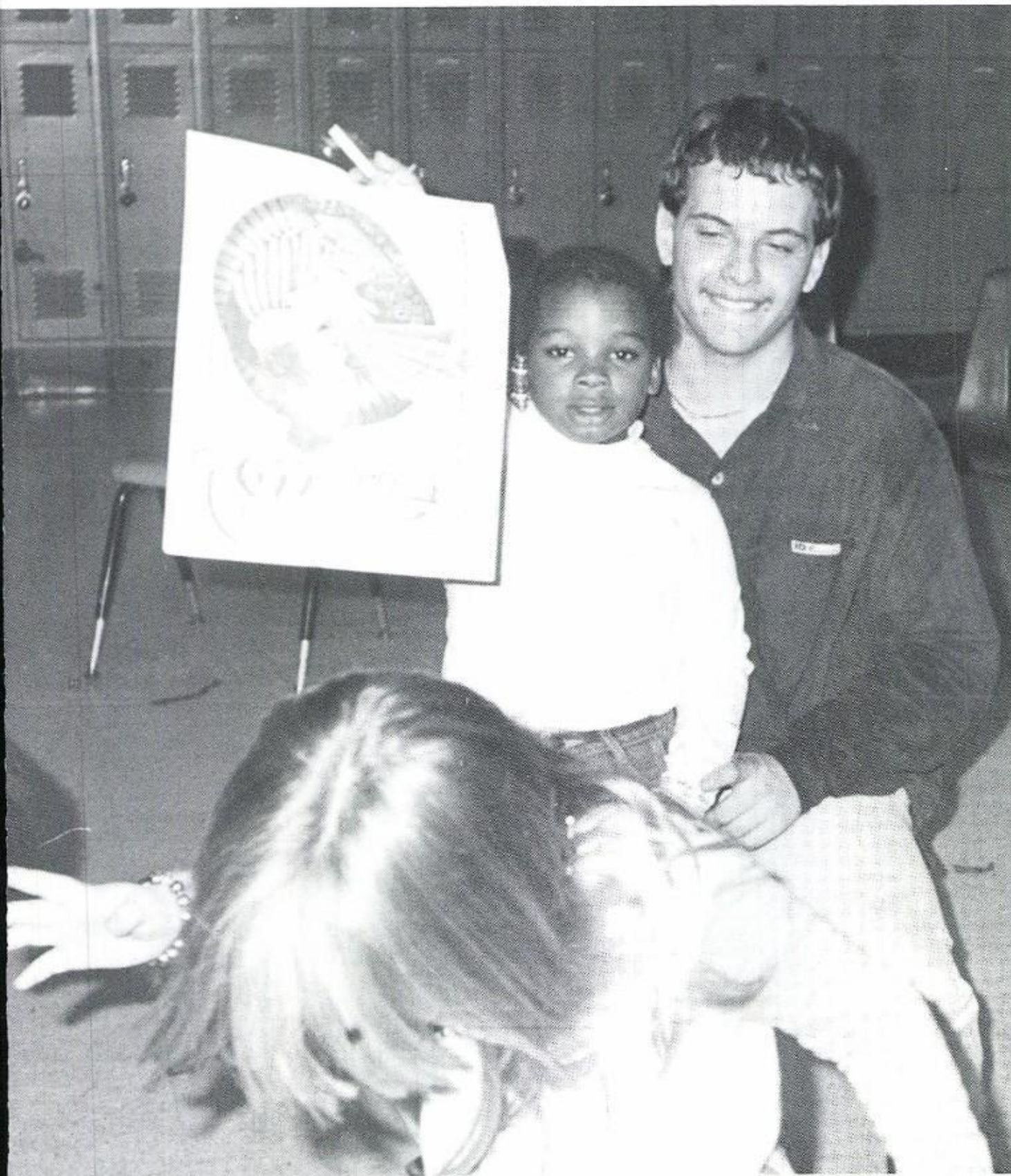
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Jennifer Jones and foreign exchange student Marisol Rua talk about the different things that teenagers do for fun in their countries.

Several members of Kings Club and Senior Cabinet join together to watch the deaf children open their gifts that they received from Santa Claus.

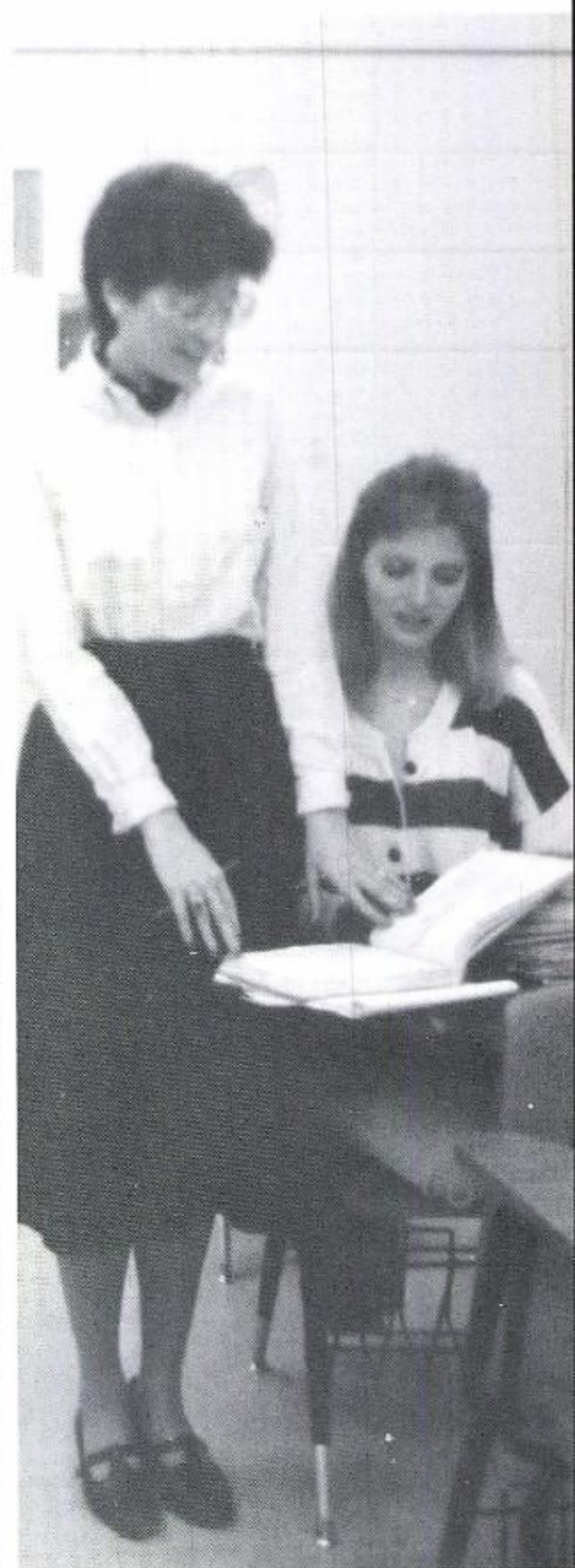


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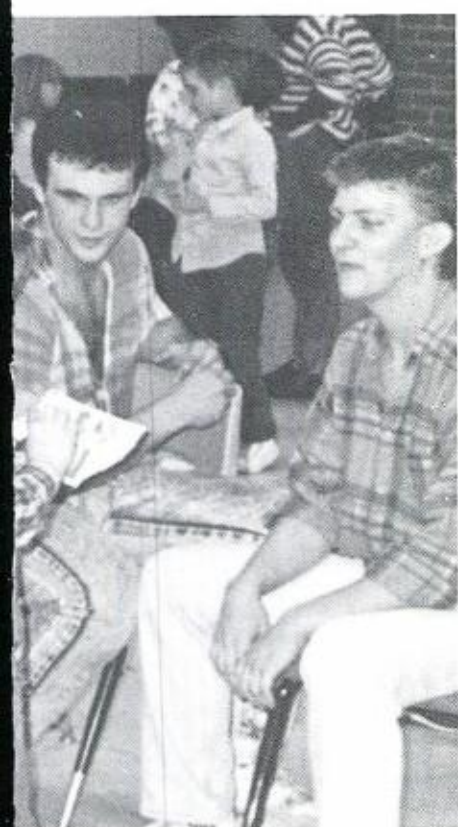
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John Kimbrough joyfully helps to make the deaf children have a good time while attending the annual Kings Club Christmas party.

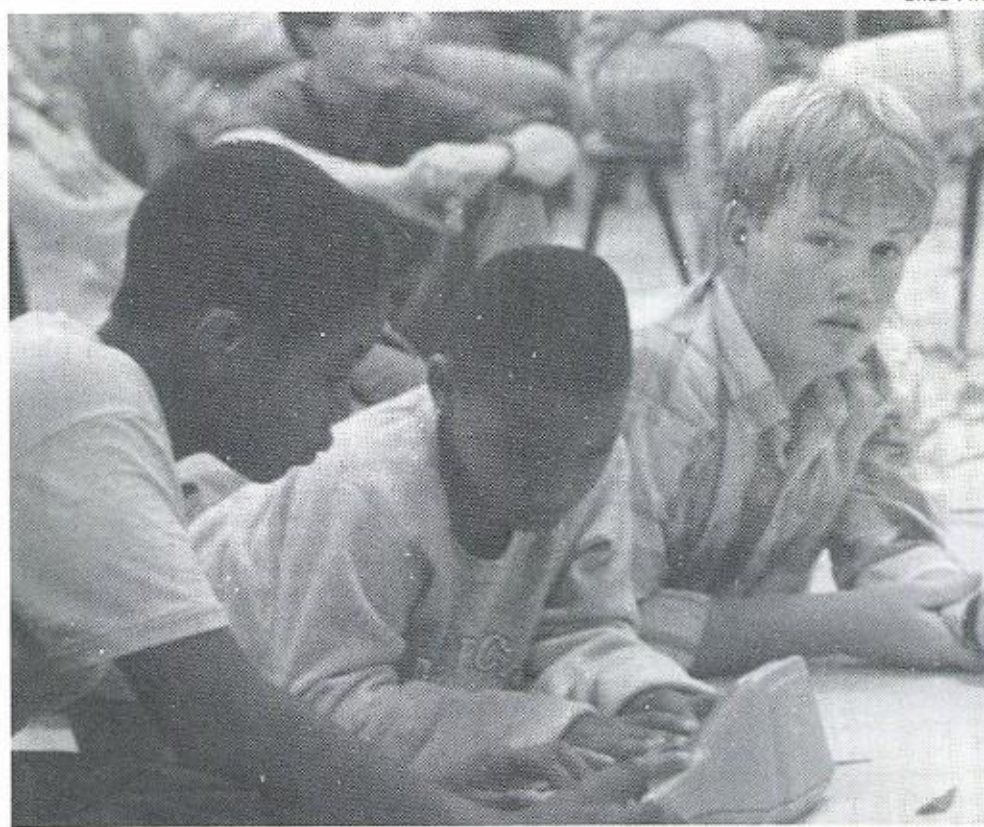


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Open Door Club sponsor Ms. Maurer and treasurer Shelia Martin discuss together the activities that the club can afford to participate in.



Chad Pifer



Mike Horton

Jay Heflin seems to fit right in with the children from the Arkansas School for the Deaf, while attending the annual Christmas party.

Not Just Catching A Glimpse Of Politics

Getting A View Close-Up

Felicia Bunting

Staff

The Close-up Foundation sent students from across the nation to Washington D.C. for the week of January 31st to February 6th.

The idea was to allow students a "close-up" view of government. During the week, students attended political workshops and shared views with other students, administrators and politicians. In addition to workshops, the students visited Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian Institute, Williamsburg and other Historical sites.

"I got to see and meet Ted Kennedy. I also went

to the Embassy of South Africa and learned how their country is ran and their viewpoints of the United States," Gabrielle Fair said.

The total cost of the trip was \$865, and the money was raised by fundraisers.

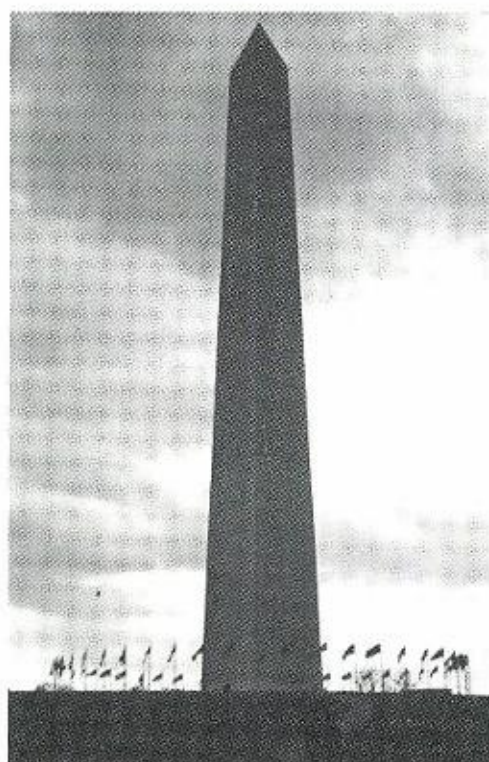
"I would highly recommend the Close-up trip to anyone able to go next year. It was well worth the time and money put out. They are some of my best memories ever!" April Hirby said.

On the trip they attended seminars and classes, learned important things about the government, and for fun they visited museums and monuments. They really didn't have much free time, but

they made the best of it.

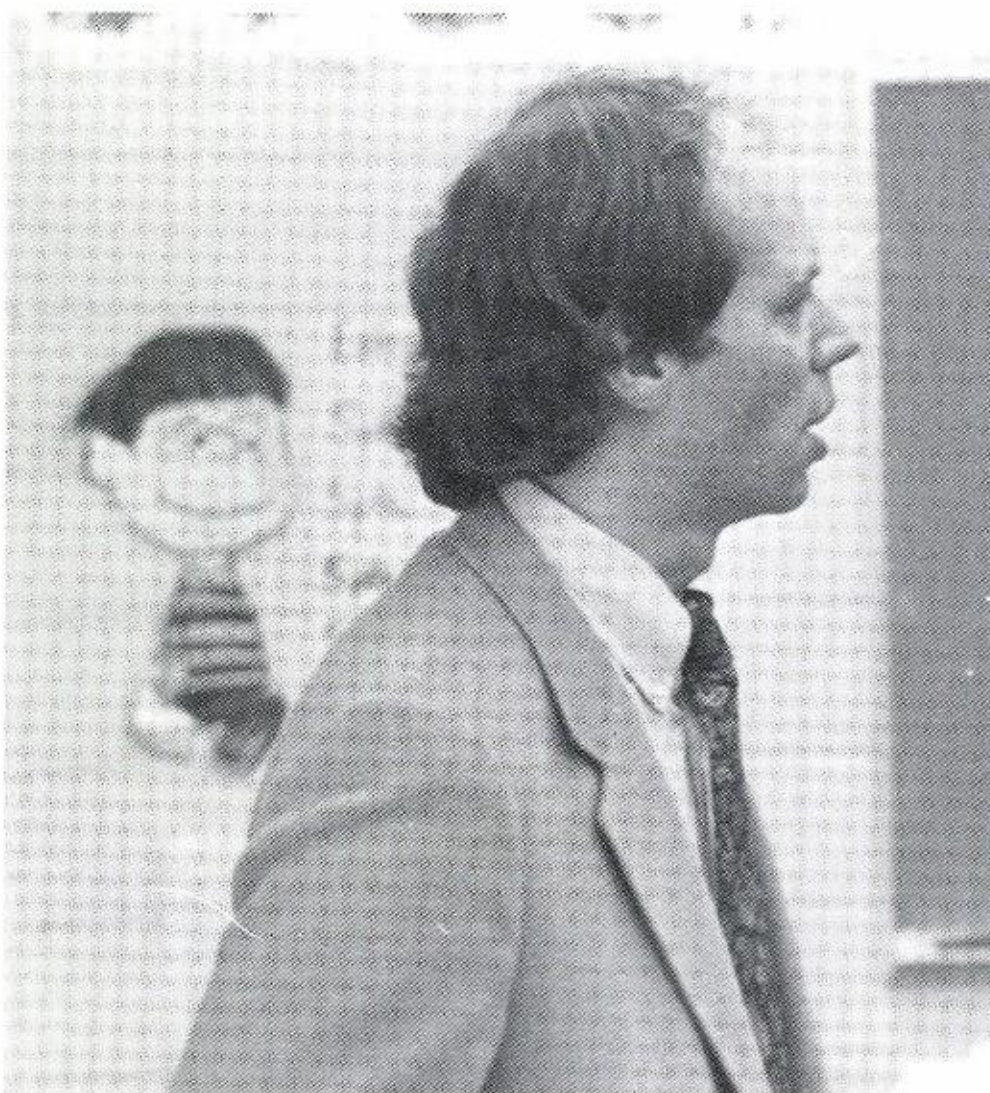
"The students not only visited monuments, but had meetings with their Congressmen, Senators Pryor and Bumpers and Representative Robinson. They had a private meeting in the Shea and Gould Law Firm with Wilbur D. Mills, for whom our school is named. All in all, the trip was a balance of fun, educational, and exposure to people from other parts of our country," Ms. Coppola said.

Kevin Blazer and the rest of the Mills Close-up group are greeted by Senator David Pryor during Activities at the Capitol.

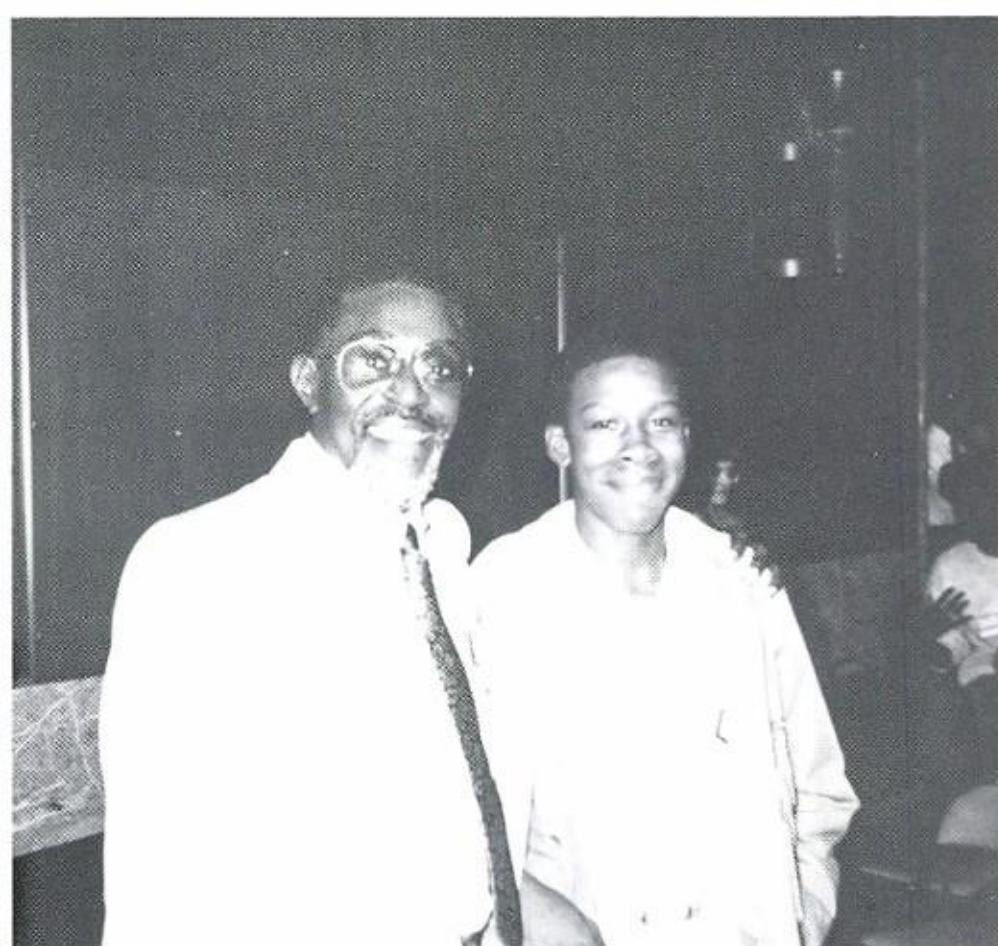
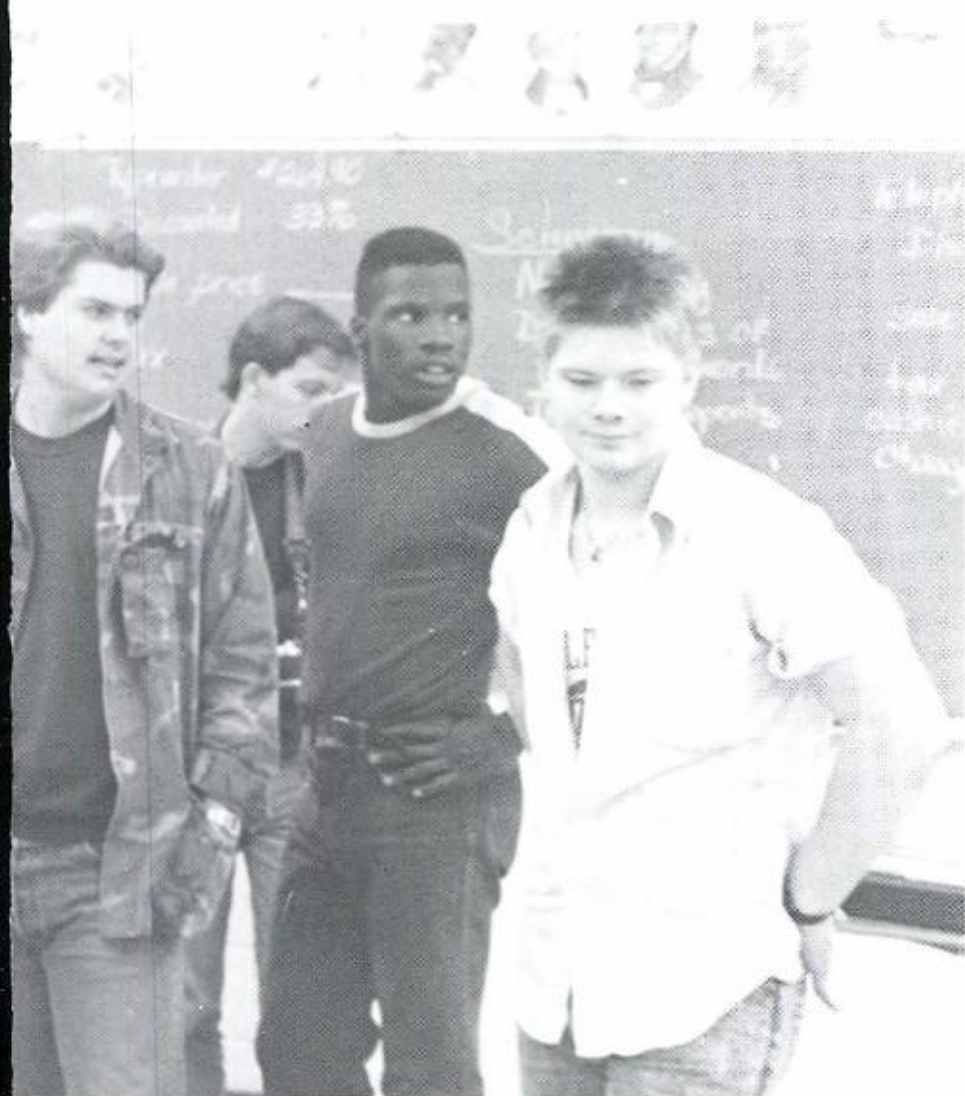


Close-Up students spent a week in Washington D.C. soaking up all of the culture and history of the city that is the capitol of our nation.

Craig O'Neal, disc jockey from KKYK, talks to the Close-Up organization about several activities they have planned for the year ahead.



Brian Linn



Close-up students gather in Mr. Nelson's room before school to discuss ideas for upcoming fund raisers and to make more plans for the trip.

Mr. Nelson and a student pause a minute to pose for a picture between events on the Close-up trip.

Brian Linn

Puzzle Pieces

Lisa Berry

Editor

The cycle seems endless: getting up early, going to school, going to work or play, **finally** getting home, then going to bed late, knowing it would all begin again too soon!

Some adults think teenagers have boundless energy that keeps them going. Sometimes organization is the key to a busy schedule.

"My mind is so jumbled up that I have to write everything down. If I don't have a list, I'd just sit and watch T.V. all night. My incentive is getting all the things on the list marked off," Shannon Warner said.

Even the lists of the most organized people could not include **everything**. It is impossible to schedule those sudden inspirations and the temporary fits of insanity that result from burnout or lack of sleep. But those are the moments that piece together the events of a "typical" day.

The Mini-Magazine section is devoted to capturing those bits and pieces of high school life that will long be remembered because the ordinary moments of today are the "I remember when" statements of tomorrow.





Michael Cole works on the backdrop for the Odyssey of the Mind competition. Style is important to the presentation.

Dedicated Comet fans show their pride during a rainy, Friday night football game.



Brian Linn

Return of the Nomads

Laura Miller
Staff

Trying to get through the halls to get to your locker can be a feat in itself. A suit of armor would be helpful just to get through the crowds around your locker.

Some people have resorted to carrying their life on their backs. Living like nomads does not seem to bother most of these people. They say it's a lot simpler than being a barbarian just to get to their lockers.

"It really doesn't bother me to carry my backpack. It is a lot easier and faster than using a locker," Mar-nie Davison said.

Some even go as far as carrying actual suitcases to school. Whether they really carry clothing or just have a lot of work is still an unanswered question.

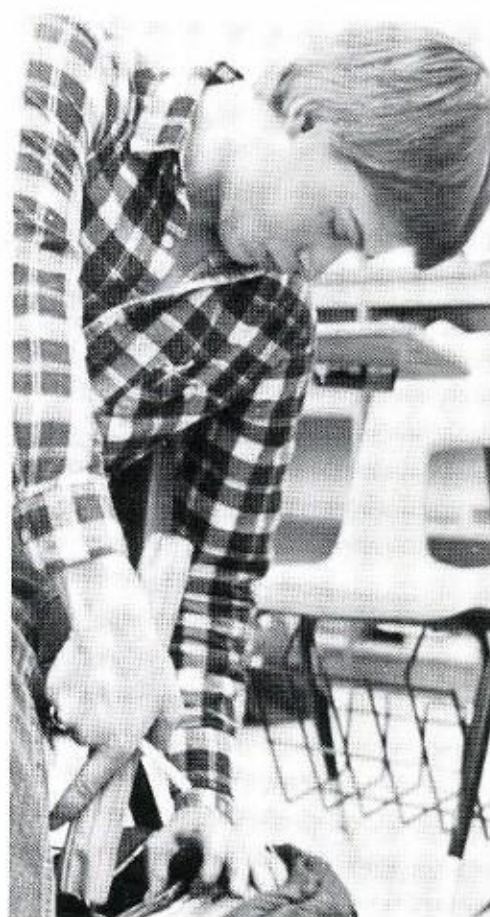
"I saw this guy dragging a suitcase down the hall by the luggage handle one day. I didn't know whether he was moving out or if he was in AP English,"

Kriston Milligan said.

By carrying all your things around with you in a bag, you never have to worry about getting the wrong book or forgetting to bring your folder.

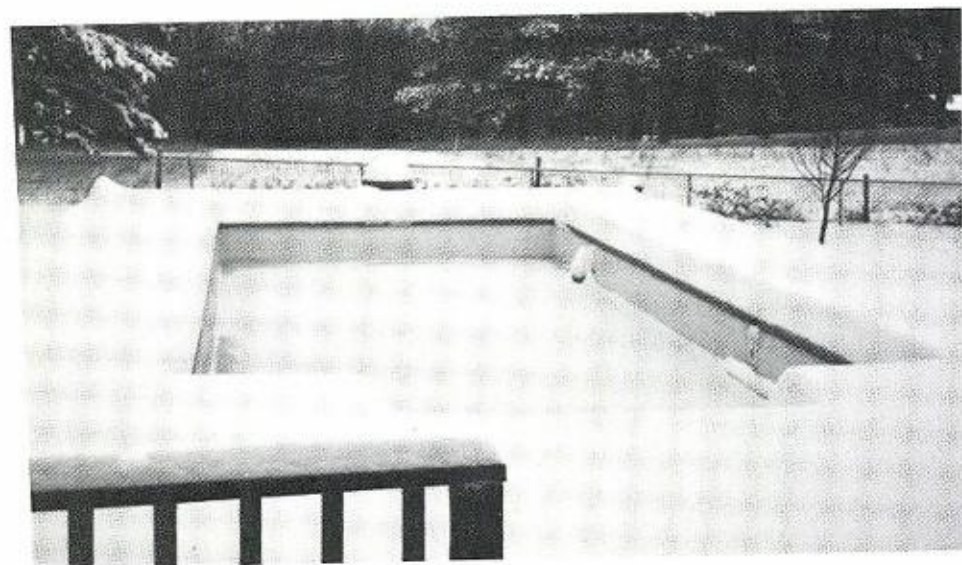
"Since I started carrying a backpack, I've decreased my tardies and raised my grades by always having my materials," Mike Langford said.

Perhaps this is a new kind of nomadic people.



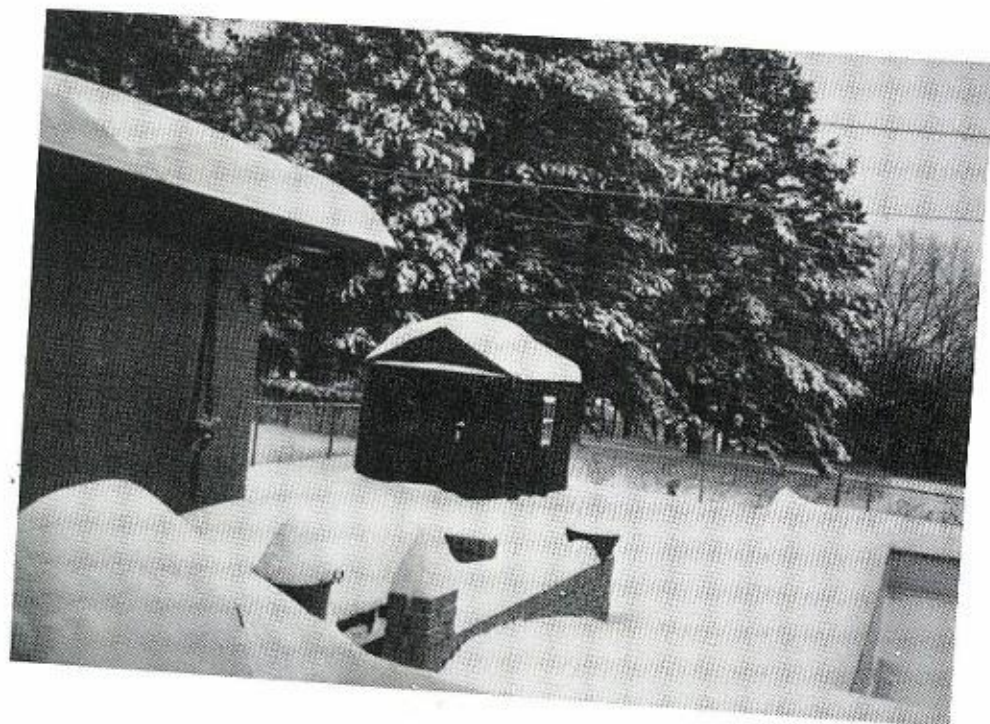
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Lang Kirshberger looks for a book during A.P. English. With so many books, he finds this easier than 25 trips to a locker.



Kim Ferrell's swimming pool is converted to a backyard ice rink during the blizzard of '88.

Most of Arkansas came to a standstill during the twelve-inch snowfall in January.



Cabin Fever

Kim Ferrell
Staff

"All Pulaski County Schools will be closed *again* tomorrow due to hazardous road conditions."

For seven days students all across Little Rock were faced with these words. For the first few days, many were pleased to sleep in or go out and play in the snow, but then, boredom set in. The time had come when students were ready to go back to school before the school board allowed.

"At first I really enjoyed being out of school but then the days began to get longer and longer and for the first time in my life I was more than ready to go back to school," Gary Thompson said.

Others realized that summer vacation was the real reason people go to school.

"When we were out for the snow it made me realize that I was more than ready for summer vacation," Kasonia Browning said.

The snow caused a lot of problems for relationships. Parents getting on kid's nerves (and possibly vice versa) were common situations, but many parents were concerned about letting their "kids" out in the freezing weather. In so many houses "over my dead body" was the popular response to questions of "Can I go . . .?". Most people definitely caught cabin fever.



Brian Linn

"Yes, Chad, there is a Santa Claus and you are it." Chad Pifer gets some help from Mike Horton as he prepares for the Kings Club party.

Laura Miller and Tim Wadley look over some old *Galaxy* papers and remember a few outstanding moments.



Brian Linn

I'll Never Forget . . .

Keith Wheeler

Staff

School is made of experiences, one after another. Some are good; some bad. But there's always an experience that turns into a special memory that will always last.

Remember the time the car broke down on that deserted road and the field trip that became a state of confusion? What about that wonderful night at the senior prom? Experiences turn into cherished memories.

"This year is my senior year. I'll never forget it because this is the last year with my friends. It has been the most fun I've had in school," Donovan Summers said.

Even though good experiences are liked more, bad experiences can also become good memories. The competition in sports

creates good and bad memories.

"I'll always remember my experiences from when I ran track. I remember one time when I was pole vaulting and the pole broke. It was scary then, but now it's kind of funny," Keith Couch said.

A lot of memories are about the favorite pastime of goofing off. Crazy little things that happen at odd times can make a deep impression on one's memory.

"I'll never forget the time Kevin Coker and I were in the paper staff room and he was doing a handstand on a chair. He fell and broke his nose. When he jumped up, his glasses were hanging crooked on his face. It was the most hilarious thing I've ever seen," Kristi Kyzer said.

Guess Who!

Before this person became a teacher at Mills, he counseled at the juvenile detention unit. He has taught at Mills for nine years, and he says the greatest things about this school are the students and the football program.

He grew up in Lexa, Arkansas and attended Barton High School, where he maintained a *B* average.

Favorite books: *Black Beauty* and *Where the Red Fern Grows*

This person's favorite hobbies are playing pool and building things.

Can you guess who this person is from these pieces of information?



See index for answers.

Candy Land -

It's not just a game anymore; it's reality

Laura Miller

Staff

Once again you are sent out on a mission - a mission far away. The destination: Fund raiser land.

The fund-raiser's association seems to hit you at your weakest time. At a time in need; in need of a candy fix.

It's a long hard battle soon to be lost by the seller. The choice is either sell it and gain five pounds, plus the extra credit, or don't sell it and loose the poundage, and the credit for the course.

Who wins? The Association of course!

Now comes the fun part. You can carry the heavy boxes and get down on your hands and knees to beg people to buy it. Or, you can pass up the temptations of the money and the candy and just go crazy.

"I hate to sell candy because I always eat the candy and then never have the money to pay for it later," Leann Adams said.

Once you give in and start selling the candy your friends think you are their

automatic Willy Wonka.

"I hate to sell things because your friends beg you for I.O.U.'s and they never pay you back, so you end up paying for it yourself," Joann Weaver said.

There are some benefits to the fund-raisers though. You can get extra credit and can get to help out the people and organizations you care about.

"I like to help with the fund-raisers because I enjoy helping the people and the clubs," Stacy Woods said.

Stickyyy situations!

Laura Miller

Staff

He stands up, there is a piece of fluorescent green gum stuck to the back of his leg. The class roars while he turns red.

Of course the gum comes in a variety of colors and flavors ranging from checkermint to chocolate mint, but by the end of the day it all winds up tasting the same.

"By seventh period my gum always winds up tasting more like a piece of rubber rather than gum," Danny Vines said.

This little piece of "nuisance" as teachers may call it can be used in many useful ways.

- 1) it can be used to keep you awake
- 2) it serves as tape when none available
- 3) it can serve as a useful revenge weapon when put on the spot
- 4) and when severe boredom strikes it can serve as a playtoy for those with elementary minds.

"You can stretch it, pull it or wrap it around your fingers," Leann Adams said.

Gum can become a good hobby or collecting item.

"It's an inexpensive way to decorate your locker," Damon D'Amico said.



KMHS?

Colette Miller

Staff

Something to brighten up someone's day may very well be the morning announcements. They are usually read off by a student at Mills over the intercom system. At approximately 8:07 every weekday morning, an enthusiastic voice comes over the intercom informing all about meetings, poetry contests, or deadlines that are soon to come. They are quite helpful because not all teachers have the convenient time to read their announcements. This provides every student with at least one opportunity to be informed.

"I thought the weather was helpful and nifty. It makes me proud to know that a fellow classmate could be so creative. It makes my first period class shorter," Clay Williams said.

One classmate that does read the announcements is Tim Wadley. Doing announcements in the morning or the afternoon can sometimes be a frightening experience.

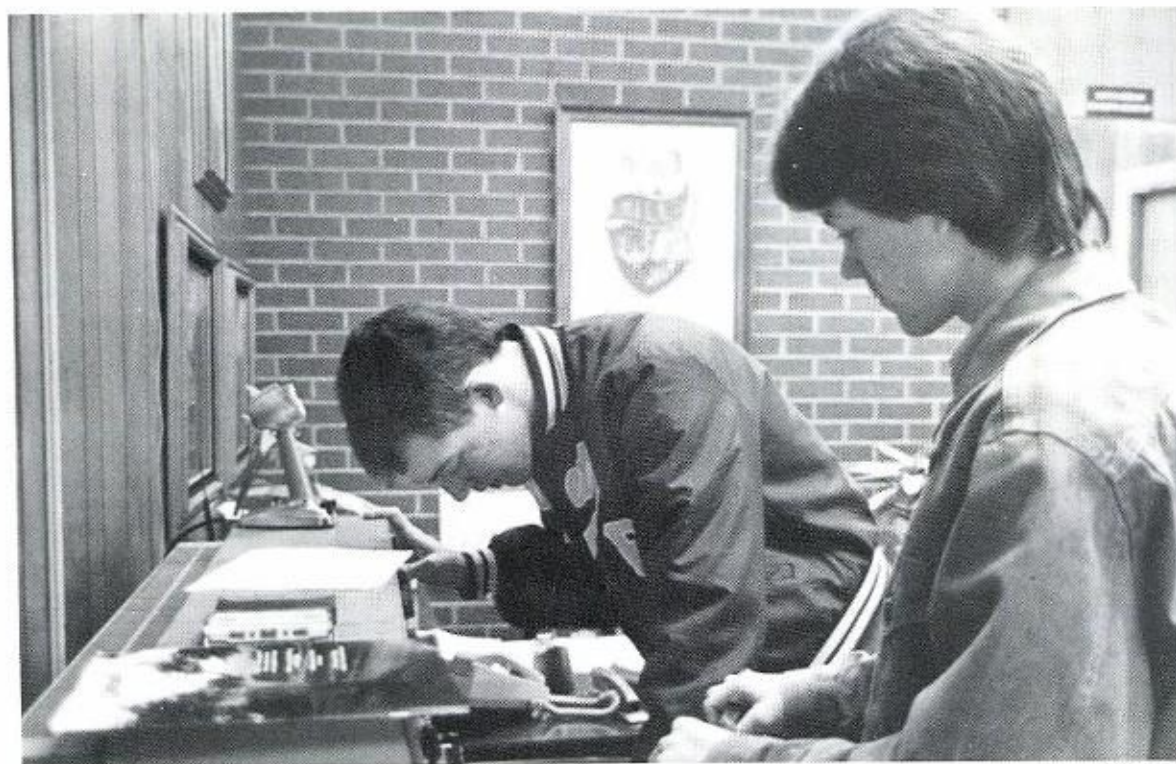
"Ms. Coppola and a few other teachers suggested that I do announcements. They said I had a good speaking voice, and then I was told to do announcements. I enjoy reading them, but sometimes I still get a little nervous talking to over 1,000 people," Tim Wadley said.

The best part about the announcements is that they always bring a smile to someone's face. They are like a short piece of literature to inform students and faculty, but in a light-hearted way, these announcements seem to help everyone cope with the many stresses a school day can bring.



Brian Linn

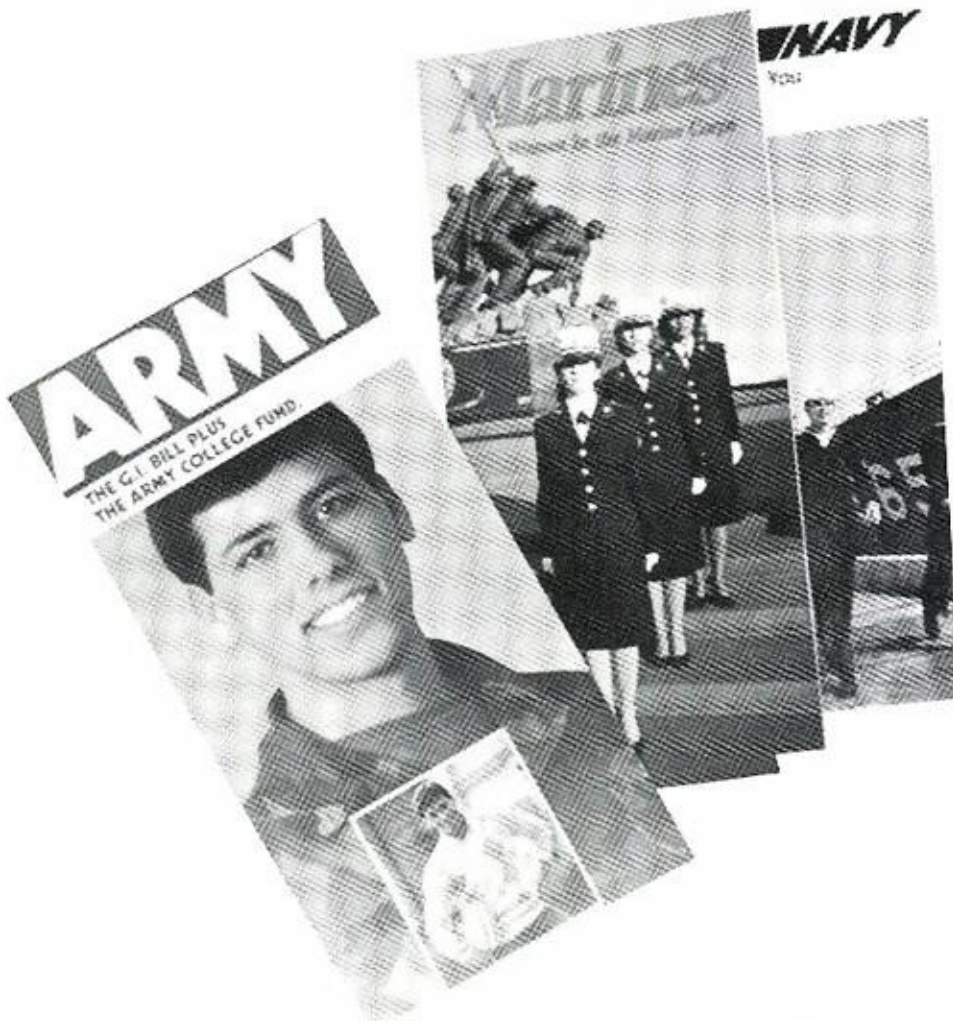
Intercom disc jockey, Scott McEntire voices the daily announcements over the loud speaker through out the entire school.



Brian Lee

Linda Brown goes after a cheeseburger during lunch. Cheeseburger and all kinds of candy are very popular during lunch periods and between classes.

Sergeant Smith spends some time with prospective recruits during lunch to discuss options students have in the Army.



Searching for Soldiers

Keith Wheeler
Staff

You see them in the counselor's office. They call after the ASVAB scores are in. They offer and ask and look for signatures on the dotted line.

Military recruiters are hard at work trying to get students to sign up for the armed forces. By means of talks in the counselor's offices and interviews on telephones, the recruiters fulfilled their jobs of gaining new young soldiers for our nation's military forces.

"The recruiters are always coming in to the counselor's office trying to talk someone into joining up with the military," Larry Thompson said.

Some thought that the recruiters would try too hard to get students in the armed forces. The re-

cruiters can be very consistent about asking students to join.

"I think that some of the recruiters try too hard in getting the person they want. I don't think they can take "NO" for an answer. I believe they would have more success if they would not be so aggressive," Ryan McMurray said.

Sometimes the recruiter's aggressiveness can turn off interested people. It is difficult to make a decision to join the military while being pressured.

"I was contemplating joining the reserves to help pay for college until the recruiter at Mills hounded me for two months. When I finally decided to join, it was on my own free will," Mitch Gates said.

Guess Who!

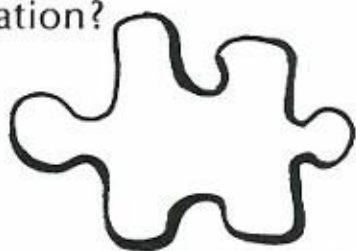
This person has been a teacher for eight years, with two years on staff at Mills. She was also a licensed insurance sales representative for eight years. Currently, she sells make-up at Merle Norman.

She has a variety of interests, ranging from aerobics to playing with her cats. Her latest endeavor is learning to paddle a kayak.

Her view of Mills; "It is a real melting pot. There is a place for everyone at Mills."

Favorite book: *The Complete Works of Shakespeare*. "... because it is a perfect combination of beautiful language, comedy, and tragedy. It's human nature in print."

Can you tell who this person is from these few pieces of information?





Brian Linn

Party Animals

Colette Miller

Staff

Hours spent in front of the mirror, time spent picking out clothes, and years spent learning to dance: these things make up a true party animal.

Partying is an art that should be taken seriously. Knowing where to be at the right time is very important when it comes to meeting people and getting noticed.

"I always make it a point to be noticed. I like attention, so parties are my favorite places to be. It's just part of my life that I enjoy. The fact that I meet guys there helps a lot, too," Gwen Moncrief said.

Social events are perfect for showing the "real" person. They are like a release. "Why not be me," is frequently asked, but nev-

er directly answered.

"When I go to parties, all I think about is having a good time. Some things I do there I would never do any other time. I'm really wild, but it's really fun," Steven Wilson said.

There are two kinds of parties "the wild" and "the not so wild". The "not so wild" parties usually have a small number of people who talk and listen to slow music. Most romantic couples attend these. They are mostly for the mellow people that like to party, but not get wild.

"Parties are great when you can sit and talk with friends without having to yell over loud music. They make everything seem more like a get together between close friends," Tina Scruggs said.

Recognition for a Good Apple

Keith Wheeler

Staff

It's a cynical world out there, and hard work rarely pays off. Blood, sweat, and tears go into solving problems faced by all. There are times, though, when hard work is recognized.

The Good Apple Award is given by the school board to recognize out-



standing contributions of time and effort. Art teacher Becky Whitfield was chosen to receive the Good Apple Award for her dedication to her students.

"I enjoyed the recognition for Mills and the support from the faculty, administration, and the students. I think the award serves to remind each of us that there can be recognition for our efforts," Mrs. Whitfield said.

Mrs. Whitfield's art experience reaches beyond the classroom. She also works as a professional artist. Even though she spends time at her own studio, she still works tirelessly with her art students. Her professional artistry may also help her be creative with her art classes.

"She's a very flexible teacher.

She'll let you do any kind of art work as long as you do your work. She's very helpful," Denzil Roland said.

Her talent attracts art students, and helps them to do their art better. Many of her students have been top winners at state art competitions.

"She has an intellectual approach to art. She'll do anything to help you as long as you try to help yourself," Terry Piggee said.



Mike Horton

The luau was definitely a date to remember! Here several students enjoy a friendly volleyball competition.

Mills-McClellan Rivalry

Still going strong

Chad Pifer
Org. Editor

In the beginning of the Mills — McClellan rivalry there were marshmallows, painted mice, and bread crumbs. In the year of '87-'88 a new weapon arose from the depths of people's minds.

On October 16, the day of the Mills VS. McClellan football game, a new chapter of this rivalry was recorded in history.

The day started off with a pep assembly, during which, a group of McClellan guys delivered a goat wearing a "Beat the Comets" banner. The McClellan students were then chased out of the gym by the football team.

To retaliate, a large number of Mills students attended the McClellan homecoming assembly and presented to the McClellan student body a funeral wreath, which said the traditional slogan - "Mills Kills."

"It was a lot of fun and a great way to get even when we presented the student body with the wreath," Bryant Steele said.

Later that afternoon, hundreds of Mills students gathered on Wal-Mart's parking lot to cheer for the Comets during McClellan's homecoming parade. But the peaceful fun soon ended.

"A truckful of McClellan guys drove by and started throwing eggs at us, so some Mills students ran into Food-4-Less and bought eggs to retaliate with," Paul Britton.

Many students went to the parade to show school spirit and have good clean fun, but McClellan students had other ideas.

"We all had planned to bring green and gold popcorn to throw and just watch the parade showing good, clean school spirit, but everything turned nasty all of a sudden. Even

some of the people in the parade had two or three cartons of eggs," Karla Yancey said.

Because of the animosity between the two schools, the Senior Cabinet cancelled the spirit parade that was planned to be held before the game.

Attendance at the game was still high, despite concern over the potential danger of fights. The principals of Mills and McClellan apologized before the game for the events that had taken place earlier and warned students against any aggressive behavior during or after the game.

"I don't think that it was right for Mr. Barnes to apologize for something that we didn't even start," Mike Carter said.

Marina Gudelj takes advantage of her privilege of reading the newspaper as she also displays a number of fashion jewelries on her wrist and hand.

Mills football players and cheerleaders decorate their cars to show support for the Comets at the McClellan parade and at the football game that night.





Brian Linn

Rings, etc . . .

It's all more than play

Holly Bramel

Co-Editor

Earrings, necklaces, rings, watches, and bracelets all contribute to the style and fashion of jewelry.

Types of jewelry can be worn in many different ways and in many different places. The places may range anywhere from your ankles to your head.

"I guess that you can call the beads in my hair jewelry. I like to wear other jewelry also. I like necklaces and rings," Carla Hall said.

The prices of jewelry range from the cheap prices of costume jewelry to the extremely expen-

sive prices of the "real" thing. Jewelry also can come in a vast variety of different and bright colors. "I like real gold. It doesn't have to be real expensive; it just has to be real. Costume jewelry is okay for sometimes but I really like the real stuff," Linda Brown said.

Jewelry is a statement of personality and taste. The statements given off by jewelry is like a neon sign telling everyone about yourself.

"Any kind of jewelry that you wear tells a person your personality and how you care about yourself," Jaime Gatrell said.

Supreme Court ruling affects high school

Holly Bramel

Co-Editor

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! "The Supreme Court today stated that freedom of the Press does not apply to high school newspapers or published materials of any kind."

Statements of this kind were heard by many unhappy teenagers who wrote for their high schools. They believed that their constitutional rights were being taken away from them.

"It's the students' rights and by this they will be

taking their rights away. The students are in charge and they care more about the newspapers or yearbooks than anybody else," Kristy Henson said.

Not only the students that wrote for their schools believed that this was wrong, but there were students who didn't write for their schools who believed that it is unfair.

"The students believe in things and say things that the adults don't agree with. If they don't have freedom of press we will never be heard," Leann Kinchen said.

Even though the bad side of the decision prevailed, some students seemed to think that maybe a little censorship should go on.

"I believe that if the information is slander then that should be censored but other than that I don't think that anybody has the right to go through and say that this and that can not be published," Enrica Randall said.

Mike Horton

Out and About

Dollars can make a difference

Melody Case
Staff

Dates come in all sizes, kinds and costs. Is it McDonalds or Coy's? Who knows what is going to happen? Is it a movie or dancing? Sometimes the bank balance makes the decisions for you, but other times it depends on the person you are trying to impress.

"It depends on how long I've been dating the person. Usually, Kristy and I enjoy eating at Spinnakers and going to a movie. A good estimate of the price of one of our dates would be about thirty-five dollars," Dean Lewis said.

How much money is spent can also depend on how often you see the person. If you see the per-

son only occasionally, you might chose a nicer place to go. If you see the person several times a week, you might go to TCBY and rent a movie or two.

"It all depends on the young man and his social class. If he can afford a big night out, then it's Cajun's Wharf and a play. If I see him quite often then it's 'Micky Dee's' and dollar night at the UA Four. Money is no object as long as we have a good time," Gwen Moncrief said.

Some people want to impress the person they are with, no matter what the cost. It may be that "first date" or a very special occasion.

"It all depends on what you're trying to accom-

plish, whether you are trying to impress the person with what you have or with who you are," Chuck Ferrell said.

Others just like the company and fellowship of other classmates. A good majority of students just like to cruise through Geyer and stop for a bite to eat.

"I like to go to Taco Bell with other people my age. Then we like to play pool at Professor Bowl. Twenty dollars will cover it," Patrick Huff said.

Some couples like to enjoy a quiet evening at home without all their buddies. After all, watching Wheel of Fortune on television is free!

Walking Billboards

Laura Miller
Staff

Have you ever walked through the halls and saw your favorite food walk by? Or had your favorite rock group cut in front of you in the lunch line?

There seems to be an abundance of billboards these days. The most popular products seem to be showing up on everyone's body.

"I wear Coke shirts because it's my favorite drink," Teresa Hill said.

There are shirts, jeans, skirts, shoes, socks, purses, bookbags, earrings, watches, and even glasses that people are wearing today to show their preference in products.

"I have an outfit with all Coke logos on them. At first I just bought a shirt, but then I just kept buying more Coke things," Tonya Faulkner said.

A lot of people however do not like to wear their dinner on their chest.

"My mom bought me a Frito's sweatshirt and I'm embarrassed to wear it," Mike Boothe said.

Michael Bennett and Rhonda Hornes are two stylish "walking billboards" in the halls at school.

Alfred Thomas takes his time getting to his next class. Taking one's time can also be a form of procrastination.



Brian Linn

The Great Escape

The skillful art of procrastination

Kim Ferrell

Staff

"Tomorrow," "Not right now," and "Come back later," are great ways of escape. Escape from what? The answer is anything! This ancient art form of "putting off anything that you're not ready to do" is procrastination in its purest form.

"I'm really guilty of putting stuff off. It's a bad habit. Things don't get done

like they should but ... that's better than doing something I don't want to do," Evelyn Jones said.

Putting things off is definitely habit forming. It's apparent that procrastination's only accomplishment is freeing people of responsibility but only for a moment, then it's back to "reality".

"I don't know why I'm always putting things off! It seems like I do it all of the

time," Susan Underwood said.

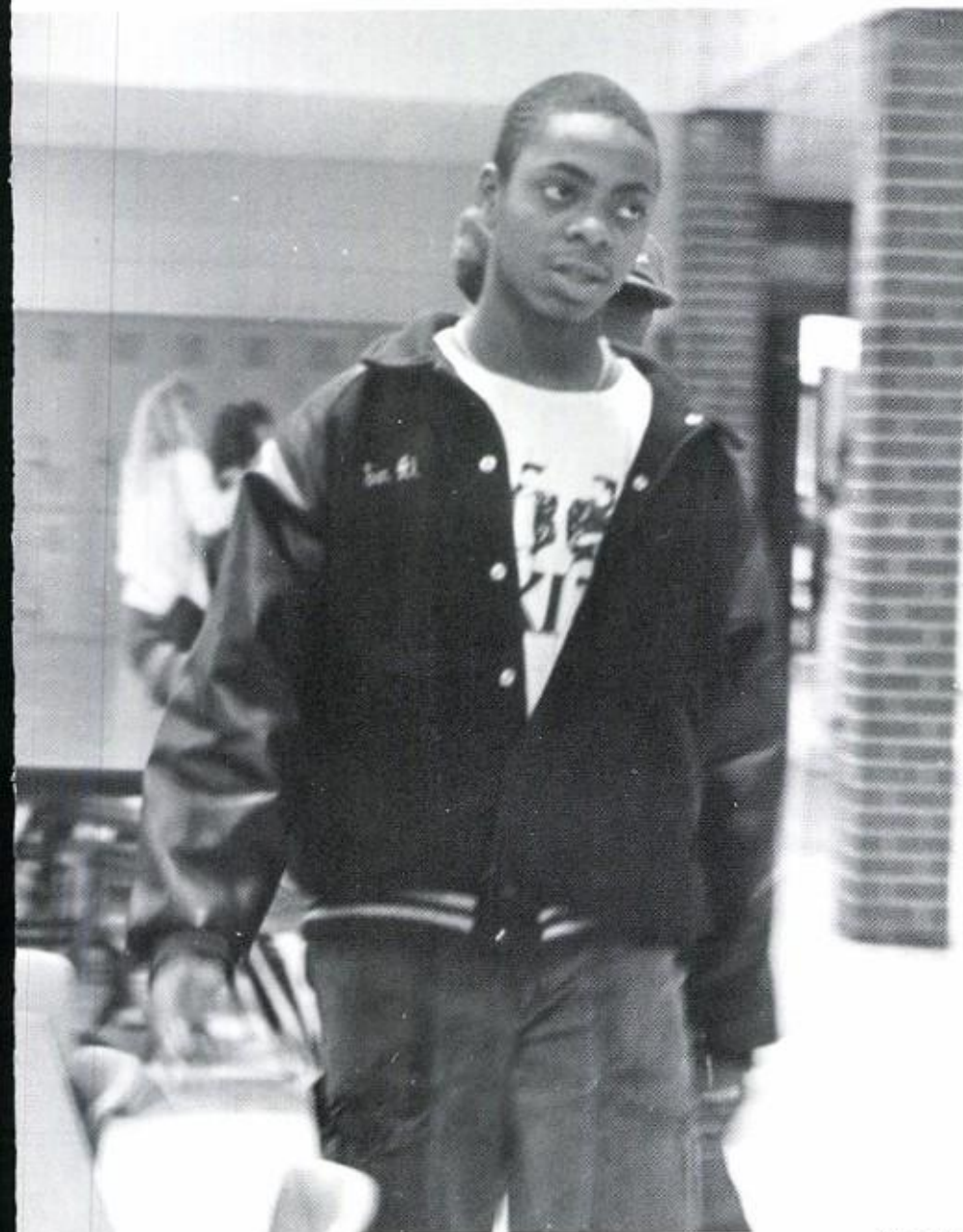
Putting things off is second nature to humans. The most common things to be put off are: homework, doctor appointments, getting out of bed, and doing 9 week projects. Remember though, the things aren't necessarily in this order.

"I almost always wait till the last minute to do projects, reports, or even just

homework. I can't seem to help myself," Chris Peach said.

Many people wait till the last minute to do something. Sometimes this turns out bad, but other times it turns out okay. Great things have resulted from last minute jobs.

"It just doesn't seem right to do something until the night before it's due," Bridgette Williams said.



Brian Linn

Guess Who!

This person has been on staff at Mills for eight years. He is from Clarksville, and he attended Pulaski Vo-Tech. Besides working at Mills, he has also done construction work.

This person has a rich family heritage. His great grandmother was a full-blooded Cherokee, and he can trace his family history back to Paul Revere.

His attitude about Mills is best summed up by his comment: "Treating the kids all equal will make their job of growing up a little easier. The first step is *love*."

Favorite books: Indian Autobiographies

Favorite hobbies: deer hunting and tracking

Can you guess who this person is from this pieces of information?



Monotonous Daze

Time passes day by day with the same tone.

Colette Miller

Staff

Slowly the clock ticks on and on. The droning sound of the seconds echoes in time, and the sudden ringing of the bell is startling. Study hall is over and life begins again.

For some students this ritual of boredom lingers on day after day. Some students spend the whole period counting down for the bell.

"I can't stand the

boredom. If there was a way to get out, I would, but I guess I'll just have to suffer until the end of the year. Somehow I'm sure I'll survive," Felicia Jefferson said.

Studying is actually a thrill with other students. Having that extra time in the day to complete any homework that was due or finish homework for the next day can make a difference. This time is very useful to the people who have no other time to work on

assignments.

"Study hall is a real help to me. I'm almost always finishing some kind of work. If there is an assignment I wasn't able to complete last night, I have this extra time to do it. It's been a lot of help since I got a job," David Dotson said.

A large number of students had no choice about having study hall. If there is no way to leave school, or there are open periods in a student's schedule

they must take study halls. It is designed to give them a place to be instead of roaming the halls.

"I'm a senior, and I only needed one credit to graduate. The counselor's said I had to have 5 classes so I got stuck with two study halls," Kristi Walker said.

For various reasons, study hall is quite full of people studying, sleeping, or just plain getting by.

Four Legs or Two?

Pets come in a variety of shapes and sizes

Harold Shray

Bus. Manager

They have four legs, two legs, and some do not even have legs. They may come with big, brown cotton-like fur, or with stripes. Some may be tall or fat while still others look like a golf ball with legs. This is the way life is once one steps into the wonderful world of pets.

"A pet can be anything you want. All they are is something you are attached to," Michelle

McIntyre said.

Once a person takes those first steps into the world of pets it becomes a part of life that is so easy to love that it is hard to forget. It becomes a fantasy world where even telling a dog or cat about a problem does not seem so strange, at least when no one is around to hear it.

"I talk to my dog whenever I like, no matter who is there," Pam Williams said.

And it is always helpful

to know that talking "with" an animal will not always put the word out on who this week's heart throb is or what you think of the little "angels" down the street. But while some pets are being taken advantage of as the "always available ear", others are taking advantage of their pets for different reasons.

"I have a pet rock that I keep on a shelf, I should have thrown it out long ago but I can always say I have one," Richard Moser

said.

Like always, there are the pets that became family members simply because they lost their way.

"One pet I remember was a baby ducky that we found crossing the street. It looked lost so we kept him," Ginger Costley said.

But most of all pets let us give and receive love and a sense of being needed.

Alvin Jackson sits in study hall and does his homework while he listens to his headphone set. Headphones were a big hit with all of the student body.

The Joke's on you, Runyan!

Two students have chemistry teacher arrested by police

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

WANTED: Coach Runyan

ALIAS: "Pip"

CHARGES: slander and defamation of character

Coach Runyan is known by the student body and faculty at Mills as a "practical joker" who is determined to have the last laugh - no matter how embarrassing it may be. Lisa Berry and Karen Shumaker had the last laugh this time by having him arrested by the American

Heart Association.

"Having Coach Runyan arrested was a great way to get him back for the bad calls that he made during the powder-puff football game," Karen Shumaker said.

On Friday, November 13, there was a knock on the door during Coach Runyan's fifth period chemistry class. Everyone's attention was caught when Coach Runyan opened the door to see an officer from the Little Rock Police Department.

"I have a warrant for your arrest," the officer said.

Coach Runyan was then taken to the make shift jail in the Main Street Mall. After arriving he was placed in front of an acting judge who set his bail at \$250. Meanwhile, Coach Runyan's fifth period class went room to room collecting money in hopes of raising enough money to post his bail.

At 3:30 p.m. that afternoon, Coach Runyan was freed after only raising

\$110 for the Heart Association. The bail was lowered because of his good behavior.

"I thought it was ironic that they let him out early because his mischievous behavior got him there in the first place," Lisa Berry said.

A word of advice to anyone who encounters this man: Be alert at all times! He is always ready to play the "ultimate prank" on anyone - So watch out!



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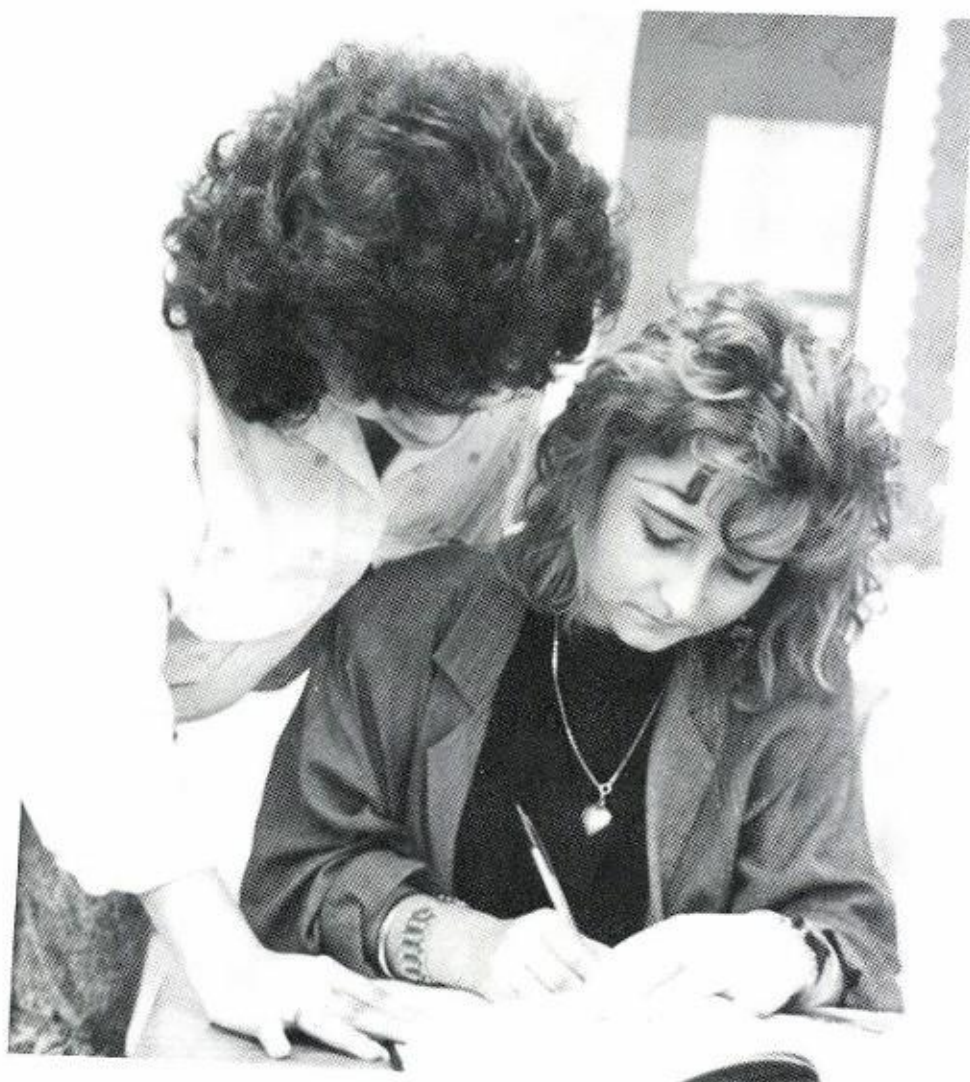


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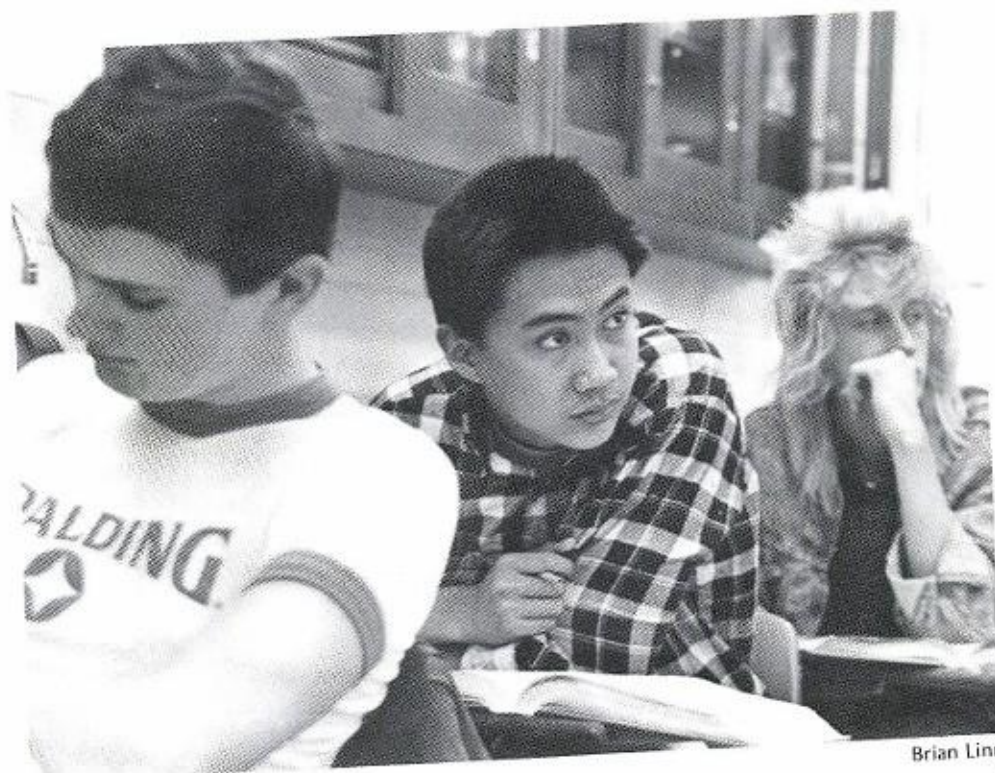
Karen Shumaker and Lisa Berry talk to the "Bobbie", Bill Powell, about the donations and information needed after having Coach Runyan arrested.

Marisol Rua looks over Marinka Gulde's shoulder during class. There were six exchange students this year from all across the globe.

Natapol Polowath listens intently in biology class. Exchange students work hard but they know the importance of having fun too.



Brian Linn



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Foreign Horizons

Kim Ferrell

Staff

It's a chance in a million and the most fun that anyone could ever have. Being an exchange student is sharing cultural experiences, meeting really different people and traveling to unfamiliar lands. The word to sum up the life of an exchange student would have to be pure excitement.

"I was happy and sad at the same time. Happy because I was going but sad because I was leaving behind all my family and friends. It was a great experience. Still in the beginning I was very nervous but excited," Marisol Rau said.

The excitement an exchange student feels is equal to the amount their host families experience. It takes special people to be able to accept someone they don't know into their

life and give them love.

"At first I was really nervous about having someone I didn't know come and live with us, because I didn't know how to act or what in the world to talk about. Then I got to thinking what I would want my host family to act like if I were an exchange student and I realized they were a lot more nervous than we could ever dream about being. That made me feel better," Anne Marie Keller said.

To be an exchange student a person must be really determined and willing to work very hard. There is a lot of admiration for these students.

"It's really interesting to me to learn about foreign people and places and to see the exchange students learning things from us that they will carry back home with them," Christy Holloway said.

Guess Who!

After attending college at Philander Smith and UCA, this person entered the teaching profession and has taught at Mills for about 15 years.

She enjoys students with positive attitudes but she finds it hard to teach people who are never satisfied.

She may be best known for her saying; "Ask me if I care what you think!"

Favorite books: mysteries and *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Favorite hobby: working with children

Can you guess who this person is from these pieces of information?



Calendars: Dues and Do's

Nita Simmons

Ads Editor

"Let's do lunch Saturday at four."

"Can't, that English paper is due Monday."

There are always things you want to do and things that are due. It is almost too much to keep up with.

"My calendar has everything written in it. I couldn't live without it," Joel Vault said.

Many students organize their lives with a calendar. It helps them to keep up with what's going on.

"Without my calendar, I'd forget to do my homework," Michelle Cushing said.

The student council keeps a calendar posted outside the office of scheduled school events and happenings for the upcoming month.

"I can't keep up with what's going on, so I just walk by the office to see if anything interesting is about to happen," Dale Williams said.

Calendars are a great reminder of deadlines and current events. The city of Little Rock sends out a calendar to tell people about the public happenings for the upcoming three months. Seniors find it a great guide for extra credit!

There never seems to be enough time to do everything!" A.P. English students start their lives on their calendars.

Are tanning beds more than Deluxe Toasters

Melody Case

Staff

It's that time of year. Winter is over and a little voice whispers, "Tanning bed. Tanning bed."

Hundreds of people go to tanning beds each day. This is a dream of a lifetime for devoted sun worshippers.

"I like going to Tantastic because there are really nice-looking guys that work there. They always comment on how well everyone looks after tanning," Jessica Roenne said.

Tanning has made things easier. Some can remember sitting outside in a bikini when it was not even sixty degrees. A portable heater helped avoid the frostbite!

"Tanning beds give one a healthy look on the outside, and when you look good on the outside, you feel good on the inside," Mrs. Chrisco said.

But on the serious side, it has been said by the Surgeon General that tanning for long periods of time can cause some types of skin cancer. It has not totally proven that tanning beds cause all types of skin cancer.

"Sitting in the tanning bed is a long and boring time to wait for a tan, but it beats laying outside in the heat sweating," Tammy Green said.

Tanning beds are the ultimate in sweltering heat boxes. We all hope they will make us look like the beautiful people we remember from the Coppertone commercials!

"I like the results of tanning beds because a tan looks good with everything. It also helps me get a jump on my summer tan," Kelly Burgess said.

FEBRUARY/ "The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."

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Mike Horton

The annual luau is definitely an event to mark on the calendar. These seniors will remember it for a long time to come.

Brian Linn

Magazines

A Place for Inquiring Minds

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

Where do you go to look for the latest gossip? ... to find out the latest trends in fashion? ... to find out about your favorite actor or performer? ... to find out about current, national, and world events? ... where do inquiring minds go? Magazines!

"I turn to magazines because I like to read the articles and learn things about celebrities," Lisa Macon said. In today's market, there are many

different types of magazines for readers young and old.

"I like to read a lot of different kind of magazines, but my favorite is **Seventeen**. I like to look at the pictures and it helps me to get away from things when I need to be alone," Shelly Stoval said.

Besides magazines just being read for entertainment, many students find magazines educational.

"I like to read magazines because they are very entertaining but they also

have a great deal of information that can be used in writing term papers," Rusty Pifer said.

Whether it be intellectual or bubble gum for the mind, magazines will remain an important part of our lives.

Sweet Seductive Scents

Aromas fill the hearts of all

Keith Wheeler

staff

An enticing fluid is splashed on for the night in hopes of gaining affections. This final touch in preparing for a date is important for both guys and girls. Out on the date, sweet smells drift to the object of affection, carrying hopes for a perfect evening.

The blended scents of the perfumes and colognes on dates are an important part of the dating life of students. Seductive scents of various types were bought and used to further the Friday night intents of students.

"I like Polo on guys. It

really appeals to my senses. I think it makes guys smell very mature," Erica Logan said.

What makes the perfect perfume? What is a cool cologne? Different people pick their perfumes for basically the same reason. Either they like the way it smells, or someone that they love likes the way it smells.

"I like to use Loves Baby Soft. It smells really sweet. It's my favorite," Stacy Watts said.

Sweet smells are just as important to the guys as they are to the girls. Just the right amount of the perfect cologne can be the final touch to an awe-

some image.

"The aftershaves I use are whatever the girls like. I usually use Polo or something like that, whatever the girls like," Chris Hubbard said.

Perfumes and colognes aren't just useful on dates they're useful for getting dates. The scents can attract interested opposites into a possibly good, fun evening.

"The right perfume is a great attention getter. It's got to be just right. When you walk by someone those good smells can really attract," Gwen Monchief said.



Cindy Hope

Veronica LeBlanc shares her newest perfume with friends between classes.

Giving Of Yourself

Colette Miller

Volunteerism

Staff

Some students live by giving of themselves, knowing that they are helping others, or providing a service for someone's benefit is payment enough for the enjoyment of helping. Volunteers are always needed and are in great demand. To become one, all that is needed is a kind, giving heart and some training. Volunteers do all, from helping handicapped kids to having their own radio show.

"I saw a commercial for the United Way on television, so I called to see if I could help someone. They sent me to a church to volunteer for one week at their Vacation Bible School. It made me happy to think that I helped all of those people," Jill Gough

said.

Camp Aldersgate provides camping and programs for handicapped young people. Aldersgate's volunteers are important because they supervise and play with the kids at camp. Aldersgate is a learning experience not only for the campers, but also for the volunteers. This benefits the volunteers by providing them with experiences with many different kinds of people.

"At the time I was interested in going into the medical field, and I felt that volunteering would give me a first hand experience. I enjoyed working with the people. It exposed me to a wide variety of personalities. As a re-

sult, I decided not to go to medical school. The volunteering really wasn't a waste because it kept me from going into a field, I thought I wanted to do. Everyday was filled with many adventures," Shannon Warner said.

Volunteering can be rewarding by providing memorable and lasting experiences. The volunteers are often put in unique situations. Some are good, and some are bad, but they are most definitely something unforgettable.

"The funniest thing that ever happened to me at Camp Aldersgate was when me and two other kids were canoeing. We were having a water fight, and one kid stood up and the whole canoe tipped

over on us," Robbie Robinson said.

If someone ever wanted to volunteer it's easy to get started by just asking someone if they need help. Most volunteers get started by asking a lot of questions and calling a lot of people. It is a matter of how determined someone is to work.

"I didn't really like the kind of music played on the regular stations, so I became a volunteer at KABF. I get air time to play the songs I like, and maybe let other people enjoy the music too," Laura Miller said.



Cheryl King works viciously on a paper in which she uses a magazine to finish her research. Magazines are very resourceful in a term paper.

Cindy Hope

Sorting It Out

Lisa Berry

Editor

Seniors usually find great pleasure in spotting the wide-eyed sophomores in the crowd on the first day of school. It is obvious that they are actually excited about being at school!

This year found more wide-eyed people than a few sophomores. Many new faces were shuffled into Mills this year, and it took a while to sort it all.

"I liked the idea of all the new people because I wanted to meet a lot of new friends," Tena Brooks said.

Most of the senior class has been at Mills for their "high school career." That's not true for the Juniors and Sophomores, and Seniors were happy about the right to choose the school from which they would graduate.

"Some students feel like they should graduate from the school they have gone to. I'm really glad I'm getting to graduate from Mills. I feel like this is my home," Felicia Wilson said.





Monica Johnson speaks proudly of her school during a "unity" assembly. Students were allowed to publicly voice their opinions at these events.

Karla Yancy and Jim Quick team up to form one tough front line for the volleyball game at the annual luau.



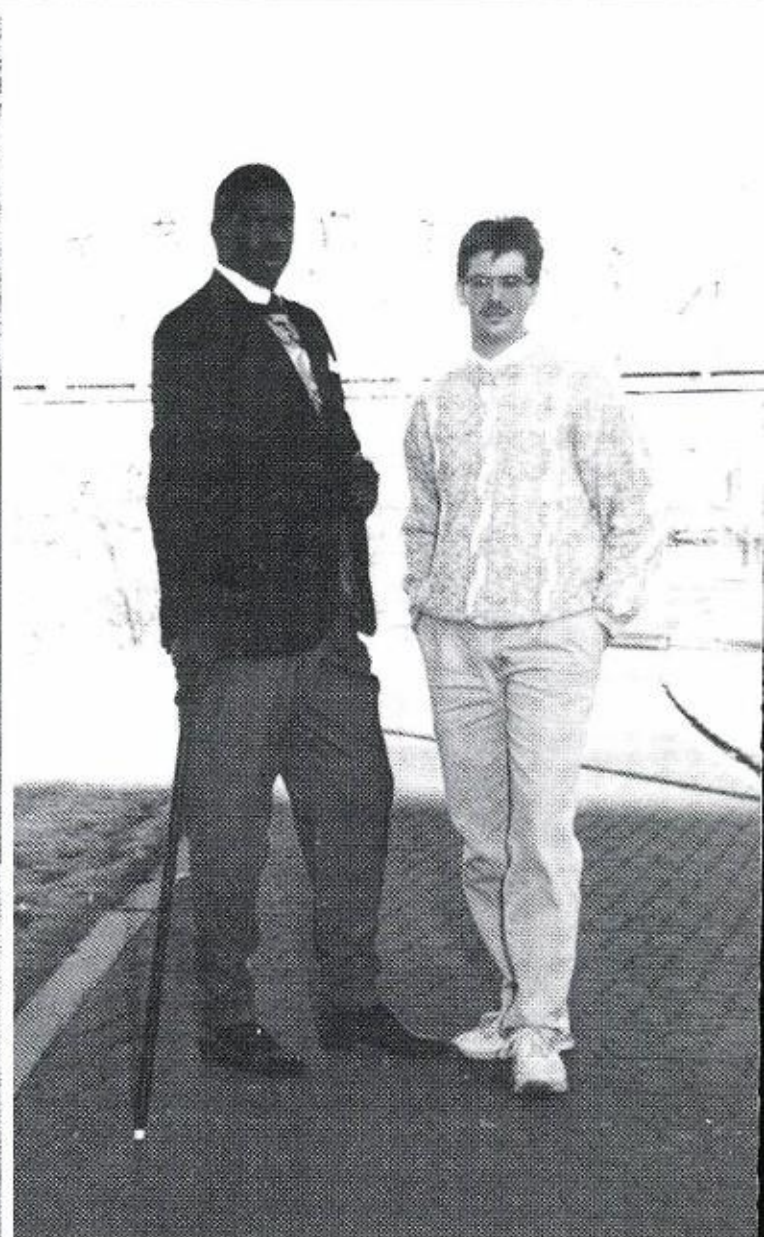
Brian Linn

Lisa Berry: Lisa is truly a gifted individual. Stable, dependable, dedicated, mature, witty, and creative are but a few adjectives which describe her. She has achieved academic excellence and demonstrated a talent for dealing with others. Her high goals are inspiring to both teachers and peers. I will miss Lisa and the vital role she has played in my life this year, but I will enjoy watching her flourish in years to come," - Mrs. Lowery.

Caroline Breashears: "Caroline is a perfectionist in every sense of the word; both in her music and everything else," -Mr. McAnally

Keith Couch: "Keith has been a leader in every way. He's an outstanding athlete as well as musician," -Mr. McAnally.

Norman Dunn: "Norman is a top student and one of our outstanding athletes," - Coach Parks.



Fulfilling The Claim To Fame.

Erik Swafford
People Editor

"Fame!" I'm gonna live forever, I'm gonna learn how to fly . . . I'm gonna make it to heaven, light up the sky like a flame, Fame! I'm gonna live forever, baby remember my name!"

Everybody would like to be famous so some of the members of the 1988 Mills Hall of Fame may agree with this verse because being selected for the Hall of Fame is an honor. Hall of Fame students were nominated by teachers, then all nominees were listed on ballots. Teachers give each student a rating and the students with the highest ratings were reviewed by the Hall of Fame

committee which was made up of teachers. Then they were selected for The Hall of Fame.

"Being selected for the Hall of Fame means a lot to me. It makes me feel good to know that the faculty thinks so highly of me because it could have easily been the next person instead of me. It is an honor and pleasure and I wouldn't change it for anything in the world," Monica Johnson said. It is indeed a great honor to be selected, for this elite group of students have made their names known at Mills. Through dedication, leadership, study and

hard work these twenty students have earned the right to be in the Hall of Fame.

"I think that being named a member of Hall of Fame is a prestigious honor that has been bestowed upon me. I feel touched that the faculty has chosen me to be an honoree," Gobrielle Fair said.

Hall of Fame pictures were taken at Riverfront Park and though the wind was like a small hurricane, the fading sun blended well with the gazebo and fountain.

"It's hard to follow behind last year's honorees

but it's an extreme honor to know that you've done something that left an impact on the school," Brian Linn said.

This recognition showed some of the best students Mills had to show. For some of them just being recognized for their work was rewarding. They have been through many difficult and challenging experiences, but they have worked hard for Mills and now they have earned their place in the stars.



Gobrielle Fair: Gobrielle is one of the most cooperative students I've ever had; she's determined, dedicated; she studies hard; she goes the extra mile," -Mrs. Coppola.

Lawanda Franklin: "Lawanda has a very happy, positive outlook on life that is contagious. She's a very intelligent young lady, and uses her knowledge to better herself. She's well respected by everybody," -Mrs. Hightower.

Tamera Gentry: "Tamera is a conscientious person, she works hard not only for herself but for her school. At all times she has what's best for other people at heart. Through her hard work, her consciousness, and the fact that she's just a good person, she deserves it," -Mrs. St. Clair



Knoxie Hall: "Knoxie is highly respected by the faculty as well as his peers. He is a strong influence and he uses his leadership ability not to enhance himself but to enhance his school and whatever project he's working for," -Mrs. Hightower.

Monica Johnson: "Monica is enthusiastic, outgoing, and a very knowledgeable young lady. She is also a leader in our school and always has an optimistic outlook on life," -Mrs. Hightower

Jennifer Jones: "I've had so many opportunities to work with gifted young people, but Jennifer is one of the highlights that I will look back on always. She has the rare quality of being more than just a student to me, she has been a friend. Jennifer has given Mills High School her time, talent, and a little of her 'soul', "-Mrs. Wilcox.

Lang Kirshberger: "Lang deserves Hall of Fame if for no other reason that he does not fit the mold of the perfect student. He has proven himself an outstanding young man of high moral character." -Mrs. Whitfield.

Brian Linn: "Brian's contributions to Mills are numerous. He's a talented photographer, dedicated student, and a loyal friend. His gentle spirit has a way of making all of us in his company feel good," -Mrs. Lowery.

Lynette Linsy: "Lynette works well with others and always has a good attitude. She is an enthusiastic, hard-working leader who, when given a responsibility, gets the job done well," -Mrs. Elder.

Ryan McMurray: "Ryan is more than eager for anything I present to him. He is a very deserving young man," -Mrs. Larson.

Sheilaine Moses: "Sheilaine is the one who keeps us in line, keeps us in good temper, and keeps us at it. We admire her sense of humor and appreciate her smile," -Mrs. Green.

Treva Peyton: "Treva has done a lot of extra-curricular activities. She's given up a lot of her learning time to do things like make backdrops; things that help build school spirit and present a professional image for Mills High School. She's participated in so many things like Close-Up; she's an inquisitive young lady who has managed to blend cheerleading and art and academics all together," -Mrs. Whitfield.





Rusty Pifer: "Rusty is one of the few students that I have who insists upon learning. That's why I still teach. If I didn't have one of those every now and then I'd go sell insurance," -Coach Runyan.

Karen Shumaker: "When I think of Karen, I think of a very rare quality among teenagers: she is altruistic; she gives of herself for other people. She's a very determined young lady, she's very thoughtful and a fine representative of what's excellence in a young person from Mills," -Mrs. Whitfield.

Jason Welch: "Jason has been involved in football and baseball and he's one of our outstanding students here at Mills," -Coach Parks.

Steven Wilson: "Steven has high moral standards and I'm especially proud of him. He's the kind of student who makes it a joy for me to coach," -Coach Parks.



Lynette Kinsey arranges her notes as she prepares to speak for an assembly. Lynette's leadership and organization made her a member of the Hall of Fame.

The members of the 1988 Mills Hall of Fame stand together in front of a gazebo at riverfront park after they got their pictures taken for Hall of Fame.

Not Just Another Statistic

Erik Swafford

People Editor

Why study? What could possibly be the purpose for studying? Karen Shumaker could answer that question.

"It feels really good to obtain something you have worked so long for. It makes those late nights and stolen weekends seem worthwhile," Karen said.

All the students in the top ten percent of the 1988 graduating class could give a good reason why studying is important.

One reward for them is being in the top ten percent because it has many advantages.

"It's an honor because I worked so hard for it," Kim Williams said.

Studying helps you understand the material, make good grades, and might just land you in the top ten percent.

"It makes all the consistent work pay off and hopefully it will pay off in more ways than one!" Shannon Warner said.

It is a great honor to be in the top ten percent

because it shows some of the students who have worked hard in their classes studying and learning.

"Considering that I was so close to being on the stage, it makes me want to go back and study just a little bit harder to make my rank higher," Kristi Kyzer said. The rewards for studying and making the top ten percent are numerous. It looks good to colleges, it helps win scholarships, and the highest nine graduate on stage.

"It means everything! It means I can get that big

scholarship and I'm representing the minority," Sheilaine Moses said.

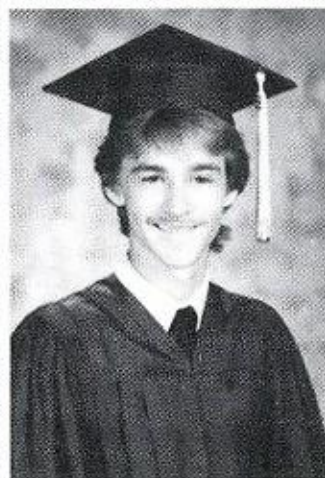
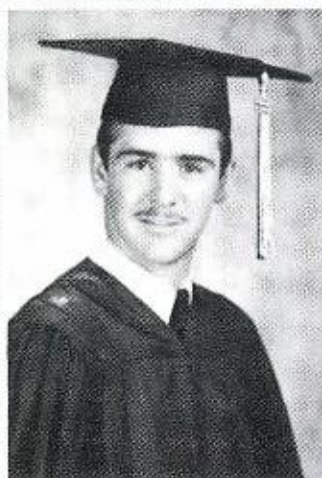
Being in the top ten percent is just one of the many rewards students can receive, but this reward is a little more special because they've earned it and it's a pleasant surprise for some.

"I'm really excited about it because I wasn't expecting it at all. It's just a real thrill," Jessica Roenne said.

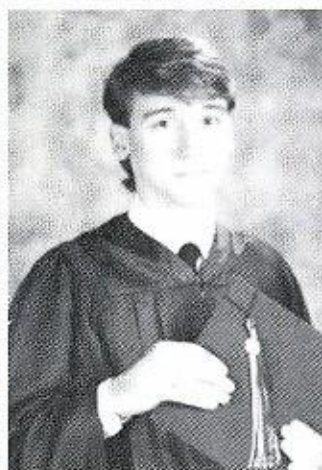
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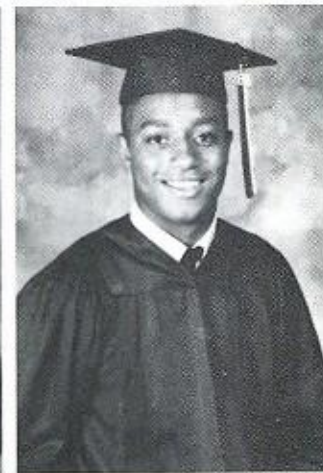
Colette Miller explores possibilities for her future at the college fair held at school.



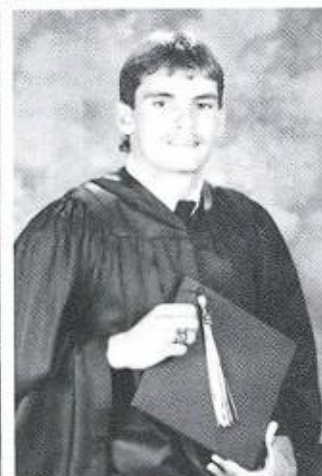
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Kristi Walker
Julie Squires
Jason Welch
Shaunda Alexander
Marinka Gudelj

Tracy Adams - Choir 10,12; Art 10.

Shaunda Alexander - Senior Cabinet; Junior Cabinet; FBLA 10,11,12; Homecoming 12; BETA 10,11,12; COE 12; FHA 10.

Renata Allen - FHA 10,11; FBLA 12; Art Club 10.

Anthony Anderson.



Jennifer Archer - Cheerleader 10,11 capt. 12; Paper Staff 12; Quill and Scroll 11,12; Senior Cabinet; Homecoming Maid 12; Student Council 10,11; Literary Magazine Staff 11; Junior Cabinet.

Adrian Austin - FBLA 10,11; FHA 11; VICA 12.

Cynthia Austin - FHA 11; Choir 12; Art 12.



Rosalyn Austin.

Shawn Baker - VICA 10,11,12.

Shonda Baker - FHA 10; VICA 11,12; Metro 11; Journalism 12.



Suffering from Brain Damage

Erik Swafford

Staff

You never expected it to happen to you. You thought you were immune to such trivial afflictions, but then all of a sudden with one quick blow, it strikes! It's brain damage and it happens to the best of us. Once you become a senior, it becomes more and more visible. Brain damage may or may not be a side effect of Senioritis which has plagued seniors for years. Tests have shown positive.

"I fried all my brain cells studying for my semester exams!!" Lori Pennington

said.

Brain damage comes when you least expect it, for instance while you are writing a paper you might spell dog, D-O-G-E, or cat, K-A-T.

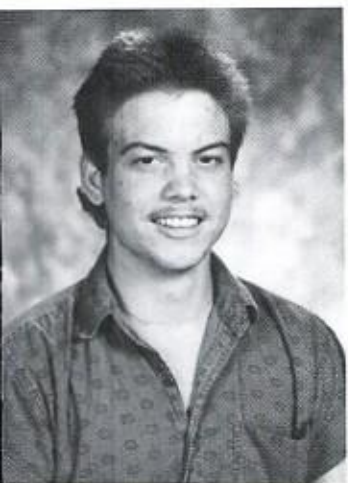
Scientists have pondered all over the world, but they have only come up with a few clues to its origin. It seems to begin in late junior high when you actually begin to learn something and everything you learn is simply being repeated. Your mind begins to become muddled and confused. You begin to forget things like

how to tie your shoes or that two plus two equals four. You begin to think "bonjour" is Spanish for what's your name?

"All the homework has twisted my brain back and forth so that I probably can't spell my name right," Stephanie Wilbern said.

Every year millions of Seniors become brain dead by the time graduation comes around. It's a tragic ailment and despite a few rare recoveries, for most seniors it is inevitable. There's only one way to deal with it, graduate!



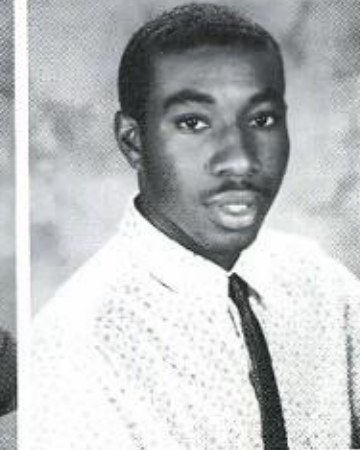
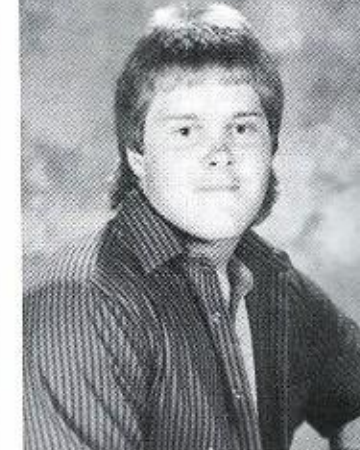


Jon Ballard - VICA 10,11,12; Football 10.

Fredrick Banks.

Kim Barkins - Basketball 10,11,12; Student Council; Senior Cabinet; VICA.

Tracy Basinger - VICA 10; Auto Mechanics 11; DECA 12.



Michael Baugh - VICA 11 vice pres. 12.

Michael Bennett - Basketball 10,11; FBLA 10; Choir 10,11; Senior Cabinet; VICA.



Katrina Berry.

Lisa Berry - Annual Staff, org. editor 10, Co-Editor 11, Editor 12; Governor's School 11; Girl's State 11; National Honor Society 10,11,12; BETA 10,11, vice pres. 12; Junior Cabinet; Senior Cabinet; Quill and Scroll 11,12.



Brian Linn

Is it brain damage? Karla Yancey and Kim Marshall show off their "jammies" and fuzzy friends for Pajama day as Mills celebrated Homecoming Week.

Kevin Coker exhibits a confused, dazed expression in TAG that may have been a result of all the tests and homework he has done over the years.

Stacey Bodeker - VICA 12; FBLA 10; Cosmetology 12.

Darren Boner - Baseball 10; FCA 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11,12; VICA 10,11,12; Football 10; Band 10, All-Region; Student Council; Spanish Club 10,11.

Leslie Boone - FBLA 10; Queen's Club 11; FHA 10; Band 10,11,12; Student Council Representative.

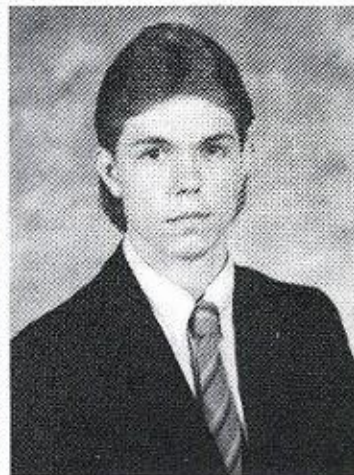
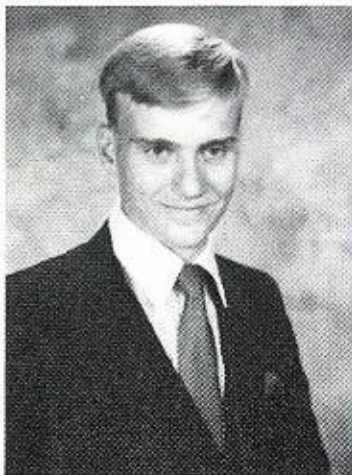
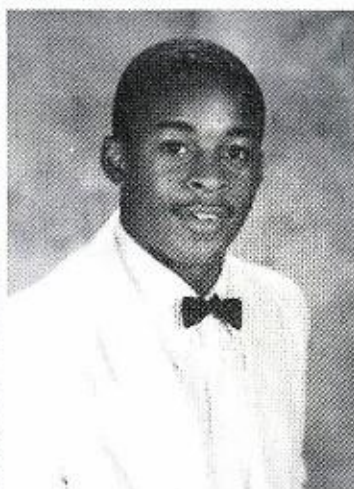
Shendanna Boykin - Paper Staff, News Editor 12; Spanish Club 11,12 reporter; FHA 10 rep.; Senior Cabinet; Drama Club 12; Art Club 10.

Nellie Bratton - FBLA 10,11,12; CYC 10,11; BETA 12; FHA 11; COE 12.

Caroline Breashears - Band All-State, All-Region 10,11,12; Paper Staff 10,11 News Editor 12, Co-Editor; Governor's School; Girl's State; Close-Up Shadow Program 11; Junior Cabinet treas.; Senior Cabinet; Quill and Scroll 11,12.

Paul Brewer.

Robbie Britton - Close-Up 12; Political Animals 12; FBLA 12; Spanish Club 11; Football 10; Senior Cabinet; Band 10.



A true Comet's favorite colors are green and gold. Rusty Pifer and Scott McEntire show their spirit by wearing the school colors at a football game.

Stephanie Linus looks professional in gray and white while Gobrielle Fair goes for the wild look wearing jams as they contrast their colors.



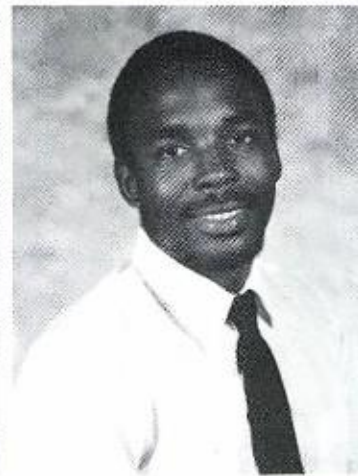
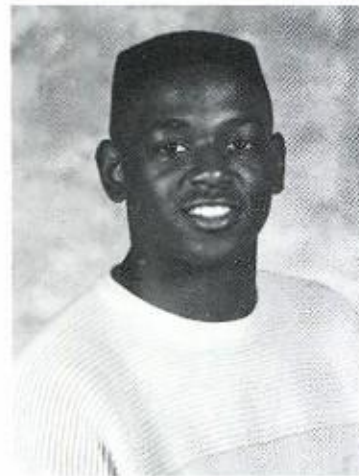


Tena Brooks - Volleyball 11,12; FHA 10,11,12 Pres.; FBLA 11; Senior Cabinet; Homecoming maid 12; Basketball Homecoming.

Linda Brown - Band 10,11,12; CYC 11; FHA 10; FBLA 10,11.

Tammy Bryant - FBLA 10,11,12; FHA 10; Senior Cabinet; Queen's Club 11.

Natasha Buchanan - FBLA 10,12; FHA 12; Choir 12, sec.; VICA 11, president.



Dexter Bunting - Football 10,11,12; Biology Club 10; Zoology Club 11; Senior Cabinet; Office Aide 10; VICA 10,11,12; Spanish Club 12; FBLA 10.

James Byers.
Christa Canady.



Paul Capps - VICA 10,11,12.

Melody Case - CYC 10,11; DECA 11,12; Office Aide 10,11; Library Aide 10,11; HOSA 10, pres.; Biology Club 10,11; Senior Cabinet.

Kevin Chandler - DECA 12; FBLA 10,11; VICA 10.

Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Erik Swafford
Staff

Everybody has a favorite for everything: a favorite singer, a favorite ice cream flavor, a favorite shirt, or even a favorite washing detergent, but one of the major categories of favorites is colors. We love them because there are so many. They look beautiful in rainbows, paintings, and Lifesavers. Colors are wonderful because they add spirit and inspiration to everything.

"My favorite color is blue because it's beautiful, love-

ly, unique, and everlasting," Angel Pinson said.

Life without colors would be dull. There would be no blue skies or red apples. Art would be eliminated from the world; there would be no colorful paintings. The only people who might benefit would be people who hate colorizing old movies.

"I like pink because it's pretty and you can wear it with anything," Michelle Cushing said.

Thankfully, colors are here to stay and we don't

have to worry about losing them. Some of us find secret delights in these precious colors.

"I think my favorite color is black, because it is mystical and alluring, yet it can be sensual. It enhances one's character," Jerome Tenpenny said.

We all have a favorite color and the selection is endless, from raspberry red to turquoise blue, or from metallic silver to maize. They are all important to us because the images they create are everlasting.

Terrence Cobbs - CYC 10; FBLA 12; Football 10,11,12; Care Committee 12; Track 10,11,12; Senior Cabinet.

Kevin Coker - Paper Staff 11,12; BETA 10,11,12; King's Club 11,12; Boy's State; FBLA 10,11; Senior Cabinet; Quill and Scroll 11,12; TAG 11,12.

William Cooney - Football 10; Track 10,12; FBLA 10,11; VICA 12.

Keith Couch - NHS 10,11,12 sec.; BETA 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; Band 10,11,12; Odyssey of the Mind 10,12.

Austin Cross - Football 10,11,12; Track 10,11; FBLA 10,11; CYC 10; Fire Marshall 12; FHA 10; Political Animals 12.

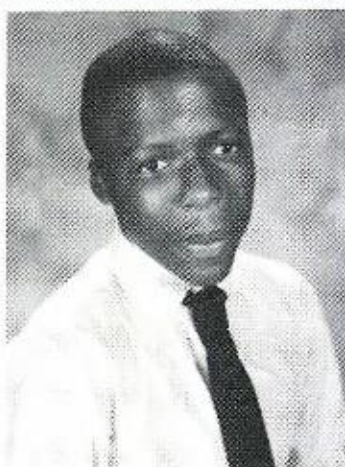
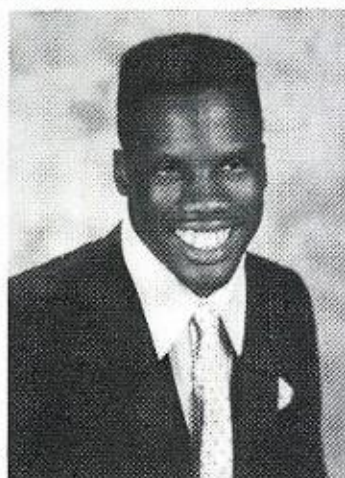
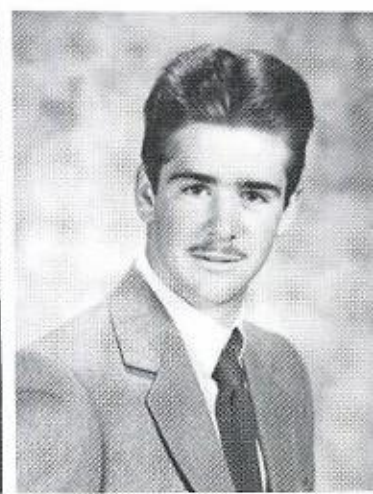
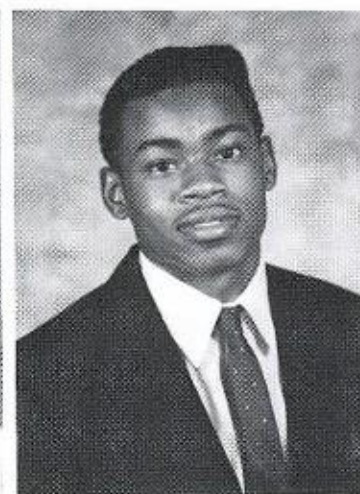
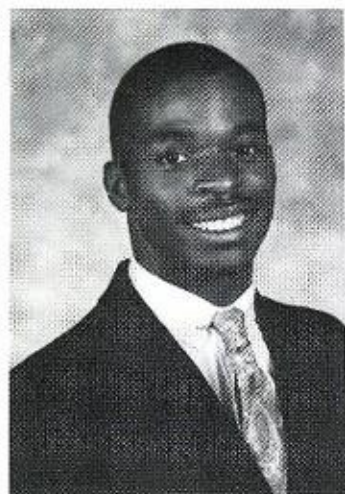
Michelle Cushing - Annual staff 11; Quill and Scroll 12; FHA 10; Drama 10,11,12; Lit. Magazine staff 11,12.

Lisa Daniel - DECA 11,12; CYC 10; Student Council Rep. 12.

Reginald Daughtery.

Venita Deadmon - Band 10,11,12; BETA 10,11; FBLA 11,12; FHA 10; Senior Cabinet; CYC 10.

Johnnie Sue Demaris - FHA 10,11; FFA 10; Art Club 10,11,12; VICA 12.



Memories That Last a Lifetime

Kim Ferrell

Staff

As a senior, many privileges were permitted and new things were experienced. Because of this, a lot of seniors have great memories of this and that.

"I'll remember the day I graduate for the rest of my life because it took 12 years to do it," Trudy Hilton said.

Memories should serve some purpose. They should bring back good feelings or tell something important. There are memories like

graduation or memories like skipping school.

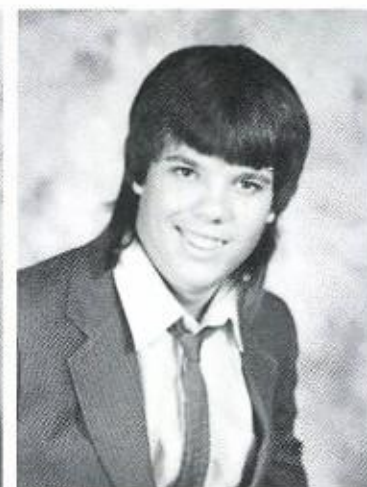
"I remember the first time I got caught leaving school, it was during my senior year," Greg Capps said.

Being a senior takes a lot out of a person, like: taking senior trips, leaving campus for lunch and leaving early for Metro.

"I'll always have great memories of my senior year because it was the best and I enjoyed myself the whole year," Beth Thomas said.

The memory of great change is always strong because it is a learning experience. High School was a big change for some people. Seniors remember their earlier years and breathe a sigh of relief that for them, it is all over.

"I remember my first day of high school, it was horrible. I'm just glad that it got better, much better," Kevin Coker said.

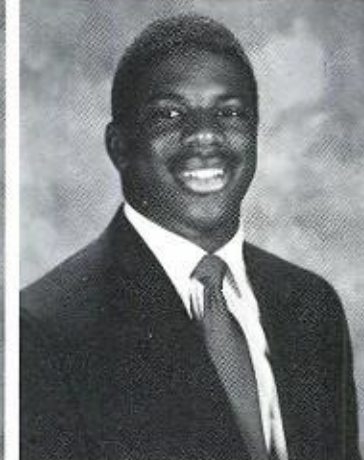


Ronnie Dey - Track 10,11,12; FBLA 12; Student Council 12; Senior Cabinet; CYC 10.

Karen Dobbins - FBLA 10,11,12; CYC 10; BETA 10; Biology Club 10; TAG 10.

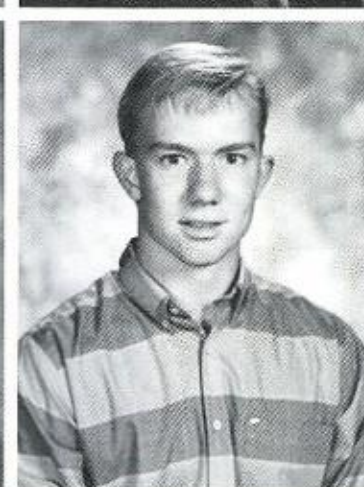
Michael Duggan - ICT 11,12.

Brad Duncan - FBLA 10,11,12; CYC 10,11; Office Aide 11; King's Club 12; Senior Cabinet.



Tamica Duncan - FBLA 10,11; FHA 11; VICA 11,12; FADD 12; Choir 10,11.

Norman Dunn - Football 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; Boy's State; FBLA 10,11; King's Club 12; Spanish Club 12; Senior Cabinet; FCA 10,11.



Carmen Edwards.

Rodney Epps - Football 11; FBLA 12; Tennis 10,11; Close-Up 12.



Brian Linn

Chad Pifer Angel Pinson makes memories as she spreads a little Christmas cheer to deaf children at a party for them that was sponsored by several Mills' clubs.

Foreign exchange student Suvikki Honkkila is from Finland, but she will always remember her senior year as a Mills high school student.

Danny Fagone - VICA 11; DECA 12.

Gobrielle Fair - FBLA 10 rep., 11 Historian, 12 vice pres.; BETA 11; Student Council 11 rep., 12 sec.; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students; NHS 12; Girl's State; Senior Cabinet; Political Animals 12.

Charles Ferrell - Art Club 10,11; CYC 10,11; FADD 10,11,12; VICA 12 pres.; Senior Cabinet.

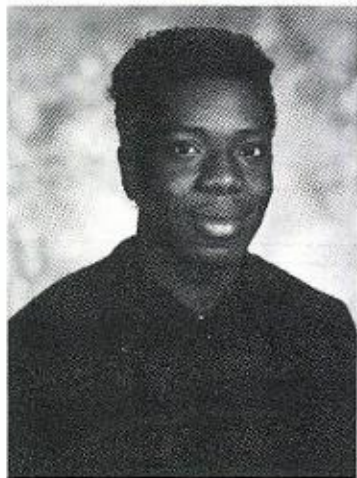
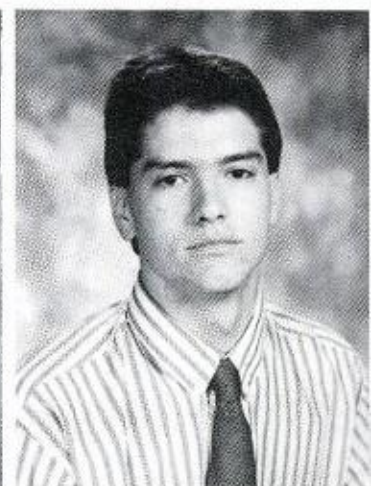
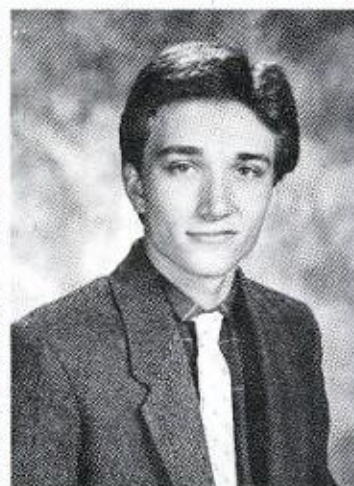
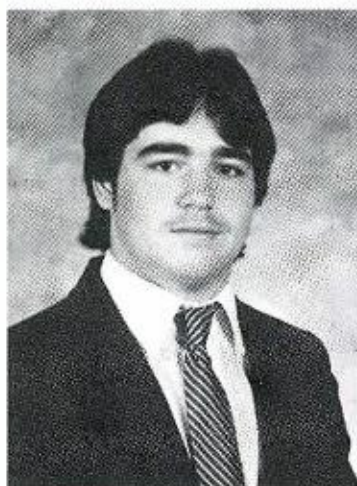
Jake Finch - Art Club 11; CYC 10; Spanish Club 11.

Danny Fithen - Paper Staff 12; CYC 10,11; VICA 11; Library Aide; Choir 10; FBLA 10; Art Club 10.

Larry Fleming - Track 10,11; CYC 10,11; FBLA 10,12; VICA 11; Senior Cabinet.

Anthony Flowers - Art Club 10,11,12; FHA 10,11,12.

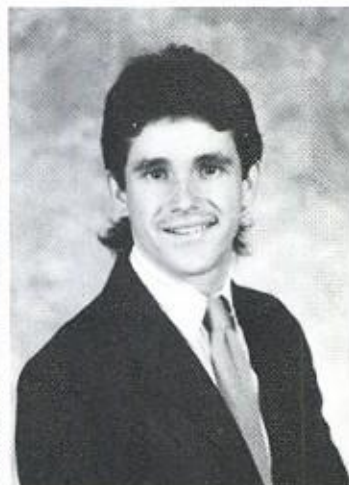
Deanna Flowers - Bakery 11,12; FHA 10.



Brian Linn

The Senior Cabinet holds an important meeting in the school library. Many clubs hold meetings in the library when they don't have enough room in a classroom.

Kristi McCoy and Holly Bramel pile books in their arms as they leave on their way to the library. Many students go to the library when working on reports or research papers.

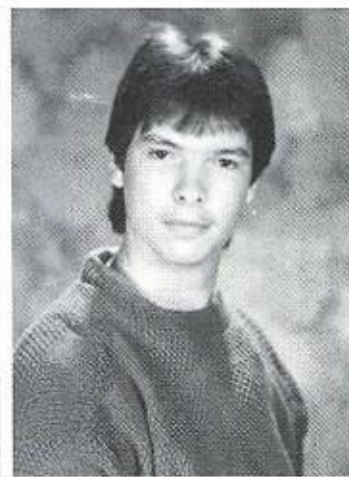
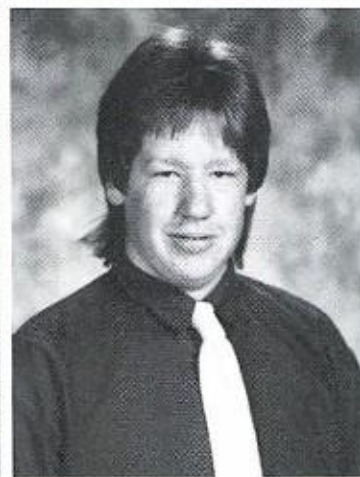


Lawanda Franklin - Drill Team 10,11,12 captain; Senior Cabinet; FHA 10; Junior Cabinet; FBLA 10,11,12; Teacher Aide.

Tanya French - FHA 10,11 vice pres.; FBLA 10,11 Hist. 12; CYC 10,11; Art Club 10.

Stacy Gall - FBLA 10,12.

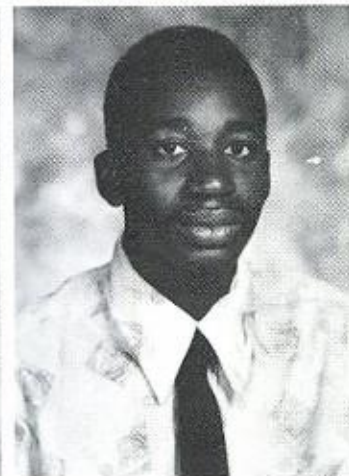
Mitch Gates - Life Preservers 10; CYC 10; TAG 10,11,12.



Tamara Gentry - Drama Club 11, 12 pres.; NHS 10,11,12; Quill and Scroll 12; Lit. Magazine Staff 12; Girl's State; Choir 10,11 All-Region.

James Gill - DECA 11,12.

Wade Gilliam - Football 10,11; Art Club 10,11; French Club 10; FBLA 10.



Kerry Gilson - VICA 10,11,12 secretary.

Tara Givens - Student Council 10; Orchestra 10,11; NHS 10,11,12; Los Amigos 10,11; Mu Alpha Theta 11; Operation Cutback 10,11; BETA 12; Youth in Government 10,11.

Robert Gordon - Track 10,11; FHA 11; FBLA 11; VICA 10; Drama Club 11.

Books, Books, And More Books

Colette Miller

Staff

Shhhh! The familiar sound of rustling papers and shuffling feet can be heard entering the library. Students have been there before, so many times. Those famous words are repeated over and over again "They don't have the book I need." Oh, the dreary thoughts of being closed up in a room full of books, with a constant ringing in your ears from the silence.

These things just men-

tioned are all too common to those who have been there. The most visited places, besides the school library, are UALR and the public libraries. By the time a student is a senior, they will know the people at the desk on a first name basis.

"Going to UALR library is fun because I can meet and talk to my friends," Tamiea Rosby said.

There is a downside to libraries. They are like huge banks that constantly take deposits. These deposits

come in the form of money for the overdue books, and in the form of dimes used for making copies of pages, usually helpful in doing research papers. Many students have been faced with this traumatic experience of having to owe money to the library.

"Libraries are an educational experience, as well as a monetary experience because it seems like any time I check out a book I have to pay for it," Keith Couch said.

Billy Goston - Track; VICA.

Tammy Green - VICA 11,12 vice pres.; FBIA; Band 10; CYC; Metro.

Marinka Gudetz - BETA 12; FBIA 12; Open Door Club 12.

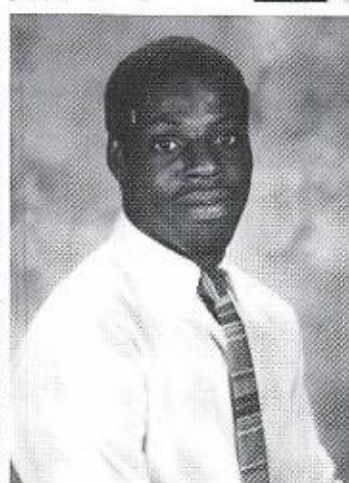
Donna Hadley.



Knoxie Hall - Football 10,11,12; FBIA 10,11,12; Student Council 12 vice pres.; Senior Cabinet pres.; Fire Marshall 10,11,12; FHA 10; CYC 10,11; Biology Club 11.

Beatrice Hansberry - FBIA 10,11,12; CYC 10,11; Student Council 12; Senior Cabinet.

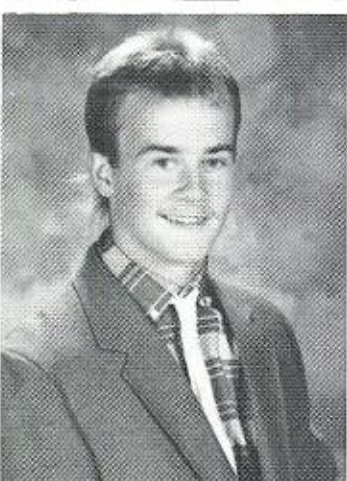
Thurrell Harris - Track 11; FBIA 11,12; VICA 11; King's Club 12; Football 10.



Brian Heavener - Football 10,11,12; FBIA 10; VICA 12; FCA 10,11,12.

Karla Heffington - BETA 10,11,12; CYC 10; NHS 12; Quill and Scroll; Paper Staff 12; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students.

Joseph Henry.



If I Could Be King For A Day . . .

Erik Swafford

Staff

Everybody wants to rule the world and wouldn't it be nice if you could for a day? World ruler is such a prestigious position that you could do anything your heart desires. You could order all the Chinese or French food you want. You could have a parade in your honor.

"It would be rockin'," John McMorran said.

As world ruler, you would

have power over all the armies of the world. You would have a huge, beautiful castle on the edge of the sea, and a private jet to take you anywhere.

"I'd have all the money," Mitch Gates said.

You would have the whole world in your hands and you could order a few icebergs to be dropped in the desert or have a famous singer serenade your dinner.

"All the world would be

a lower class under the Divine right of Kevin. I would be the ultimate Anti-christ," Kevin Coker said.

Whatever you decide to do with the world, it would still be a big responsibility to shoulder. Your decisions would affect the billions of people in the world so you would have to think carefully. Still, after careful consideration, who wouldn't want to rule the world? It would be one day you would never forget.





Noemy Hernandez - VICA 10,11,12.

Kris Herndon - FBLA 10,11; Annual Staff 11; Quill and Scroll 11.

Frances Hice - Choir 10; FHA 10; VICA 11,12.

Glenda Hice - VICA 11,12; FBLA 10; FHA 10,11.



Teresa Hill - CYC 10; SADD 10; Lit. Magazine Staff 10; Office Aide; Drill Team 12; FBLA 12.

Reuah Hilton - FBLA 10,11,12; Basketball 10; COE 12; Choir 11.



Trudy Hilton - FBLA 10; Y-Teen 10.

April Hirby - Quill and Scroll 11,12; Paper Staff 11,12; Senior Cabinet; Junior Cabinet; Political Animals; FBLA 10,11,12; CYC 10,11; Close-Up 12.



Brian Linn

Erik Swafford and Rusty Pifer become power hungry as they look over brochures in preparation to play the Stock Market game and make lots of money.

Scott McEntire and Tina Langley practice playing in Reader's Theatre for drama. Scott later got a chance to run a show as a director.

Vaneshia Hobbs.

Carlos Holden.

Vicki Honkkila - Drama Club 12;
Senior Cabinet; Open Door Club 12;
BETA 12; Quill and Scroll 12; TAG 12.

Cindy Hope - CYC 10,11; BETA
10,11,12; NHS 11,12; Annual Staff
10,11,12 photo editor; Open Door Club
12 vice pres.; Senior Cabinet; Drama
Club 12; Quill and Scroll 12; FHA 12.



Rhonda Hornes - VICA 11; Se-
nior Cabinet; FHA 10,12; HOSA 10;
FBLA 10.

Tracey Hoskins - Cheerleader
10,11,12 capt.; FBLA 10,11,12; CYC
10,11; Who's Who Among American
H.S. Students.



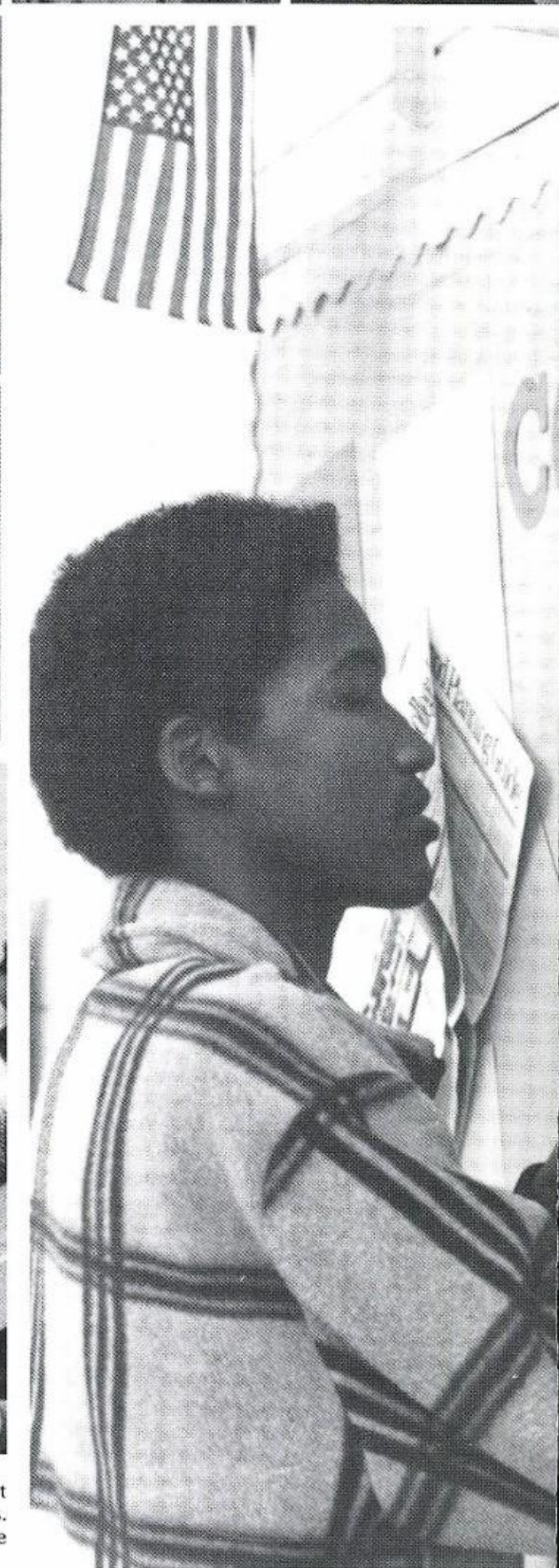
Annette Howard - CYC 10;
Choir 10,11,12.

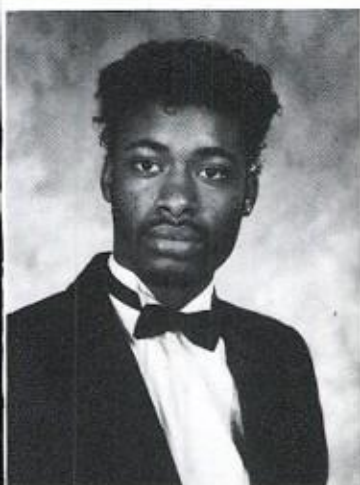
Antonio James - Football
10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; Senior Cabi-
net; FBLA 11; FHA 10; CYC 10; Choir 10.



Karla Heffington, Tracy Thompson, and Stephanie Wilbern fill their arms with scholarship applications from hopeful colleges at the College Fair.

Jerome Tenpenny scribbles down the important information from a scholarship brochure in Mrs. Green's room. Many scholarships were available for seniors.



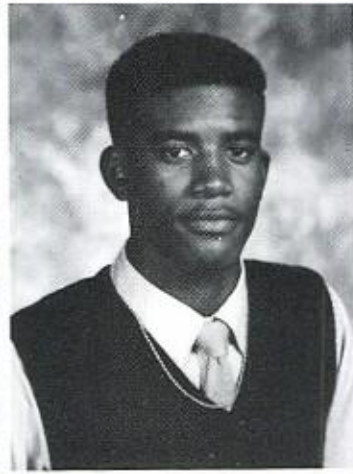
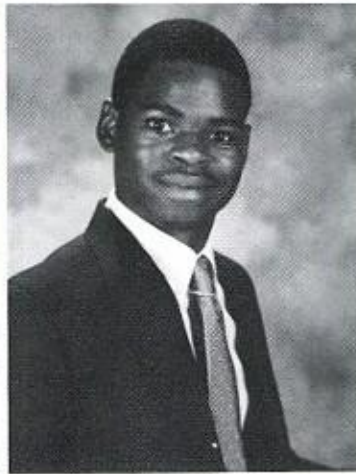


Durand James - FHA 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11,12; Biology Club 10,11,12.

Felecia Jefferson.

Detric Johnson - Volleyball 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11,12; FHA 12; Senior Cabinet; Student Council 12.

Kenneth Johnson - Track 11; Football 11; Choir 10,11,12; student Council rep. 12.



Monica Johnson - NHS 12; BETA 10,11,12 sec.; Junior Cabinet pres.; Student Council 10,11,12; Band 10,11,12 vice pres.; Drill Team 11,12; FBLA 10,12; Queen's Club 11.

Tim Johnson - FBLA 12; VICA 11.

James Jones - Student Council 12; Art Club 10; FCA 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11; Basketball 10,11,12; Track 12; Principal Advisory Committee 12.



Jennifer Jones - Paper Staff 10,11,12 feature editor; Lit. Magazine Staff 11,12 cons. editor; BETA 11,12; Governor's School; Student Council 11; Quill and Scroll 11 sec.; Senior Cabinet; Junior Cabinet.

Lillian Jones.

Ramona Jones.

Digging For Scholarships

Erik Swafford

Staff

Get ready, get set, go! They're off and running and there are no rules to their game. Seniors have to face stiff competition when it comes to the scholarship hunt. There are plenty of minority scholarships, but who cares if you're not qualified as a minority. What most seniors want are the BIG scholarships that save or give you the most

"moolah".

"Nobody gives a good scholarship," Larry Thompson said.

Most seniors need money to go to college and sometimes finding a good scholarship is easier said than done.

"You can't find one that suits your needs," Rusty Pi-fer said.

"You can't find one that you can get for nothing," Lang Kirshberger said.

After months of searching for the right scholarships, seniors discover that the wonderful little scholarships require essays. So they have to write and write and write until they get a really wonderful essay about something some ancient philosopher once said.

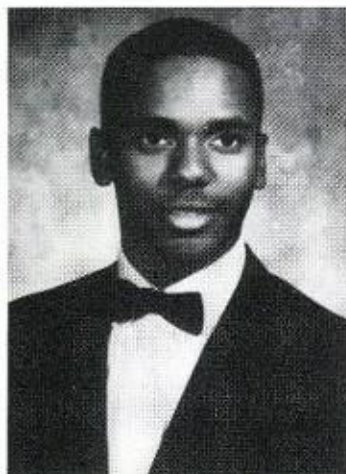
With luck and a little determination, seniors can dig up really good scholarships. All they need is a map.

Roderick Jones - Band 10,11,12; FBLA 11,12.

Kim Jordan - VICA 11 treas.; DECA 12 vice pres.

Mark Kaucher - Senior Cabinet; Band 10,11; Tennis 10,11; FBLA 10; Biology Club 10; Spanish Club 11; All-Region Band 10,11.

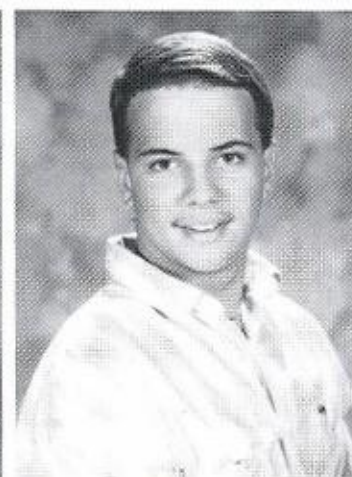
Karen Kendrick - FBLA 11; FHA 11.



Regina Kendrick - FHA 10,11; FBLA 10,11,12; CYC 10,11; Choir 10; Biology Club 10.

Chris Kennedy - FCA 10,11; Band 10,11; VICA 11 rep., 12; Track 12.

John Kimbrough - Baseball 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11,12; Spanish Club 11; Senior Cabinet.



Lang Kirshberger - TAG 10,11,12; VICA 11 vice pres., 12 pres.; King's Club 12; Senior Cabinet; Junior Cabinet; Choir 12; BETA 10,11,12; Biology Club 11.

Scott Koch - BETA 12; NHS 10; Senior Cabinet; FBLA 10,11,12; Paper Staff 10; Annual Staff 10; Track 10; FADD 11,12.

Kathy Krablin - FBLA 10,11,12; FHA 12; CYC 10,11.



Looking Out For A Hero

Erik Swafford

Staff

What do Prince, Martin Luther King Jr., Superman, and Scooby Doo have in common? They are all someone's hero. A hero can be a person who has done some significant deed for a good cause or a friend. Other people see heroes differently though.

"Dr. King was a very special person. He wanted everyone to understand we, as Americans, should be treat-

ed as equals," Monica Johnson said.

"My hero is Scooby Doo; he's funny, wacky, crazy and he eats a lot," Joe Wagner said.

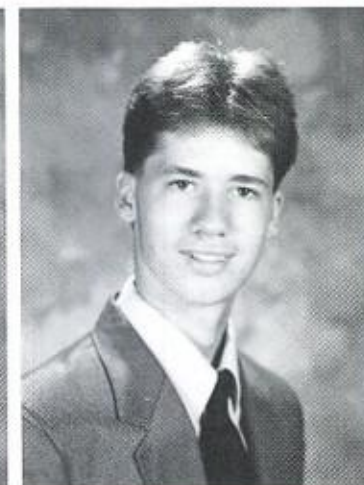
Heroes are very important because they become good role models and they teach people about compassion and sacrifice.

"My heroes are all those men who dared to do what no one else would try. It takes a lot of guts to do something nobody else has.

These people have my respect and awe," Keith Wheeler said.

Not everybody has a hero. Some people don't need heroes as long as they believe in themselves.

"I don't have a hero because I'm Christian. In my religion I believe in God and when you have heroes you tend to be obsessed and be just like that hero, so I choose not to have a hero and believe in God," Shemaine Moses said.



Kristi Kyzer - NHS 10,11,12; BETA 12; Paper Staff 10,11 asst. Art editor 12 Art editor; Quill and Scroll 11,12; Political Animals 12; Junior Cabinet; Senior Cabinet; TAG 10,11,12.

Chris Ladd - Teacher's Aide; Metro.

Cheryl Lancaster - FHA 10,11; BETA 11,12 treas.; NHS 11,12; Biology Club; Volleyball 11; Junior Cabinet; FBLA 12; Senior Cabinet.

Stacey Langford.

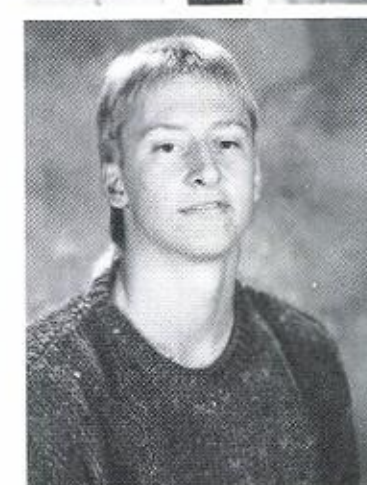
Doug Langley - Band 10,11; Golf 10,11,12; Tennis 10,11,12.

Darrell Launius - FHA 10; VICA 11 rep., 12.



Jimmy Lawhon - Football 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11; Fire Marshall 12; Senior Cabinet; Tennis 10; CYC 10; FHA 12.

Paula Lee - FBLA 12.



Is Mr. McAnally Keith Couch's hero? Probably not, but Keith definitely admires Mr. McAnally as he asks him a question about some music.

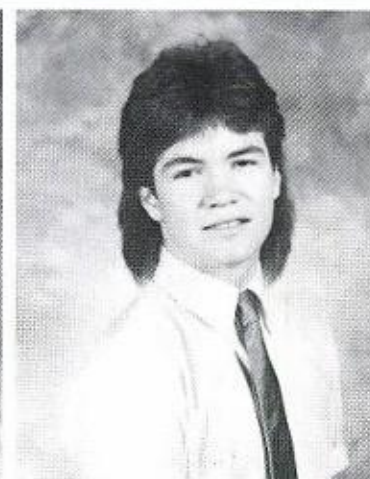
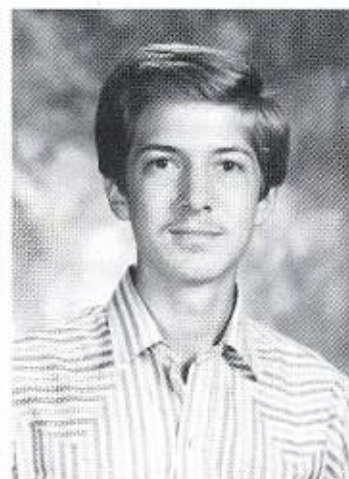
Mrs. Ricks, Kristi Kyzer, and Tamara Gentry gather notes as they prepare for an assembly to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Ellen Lester - VICA 11 treas.; FBLA 12; FHA 10,11,12.

Anita Lewis - FHA 10; FBLA 10; VICA 11,12.

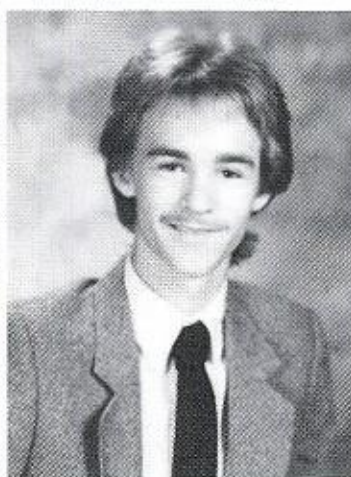
Dean Lewis - Student Council 12; Band 10,11; DECA 12; Principal Advisory Committee 12.

Jeremy Lewis - DECA 11,12 pres.



Michael Lewis - FBLA 10,12; FHA 10,11,12; Biology Club 10; CYC 10.

Brian Linn - Annual Staff 11,12 photo editor; BETA 10,11,12; NHS 12; Quill and Scroll 11,12; CYC 10,11; Open Door Club 12; Senior Cabinet; Drama Club 12.



Lynette Linsy - Student Council 10,11,12 pres.; Senior Cabinet vice pres.; FHA vice pres. 12; Basketball 10,11,12; FBLA 11; CYC 10,11; Queen's Club 11; Who's Who 11.

Stephanie Linus - FBLA 10,11,12 pres.; VICA 12 vice pres.; BETA 12; Senior Cabinet; Art Club 10; Library Aide 10; Teacher's Aide 10; Counselor Aide 10.

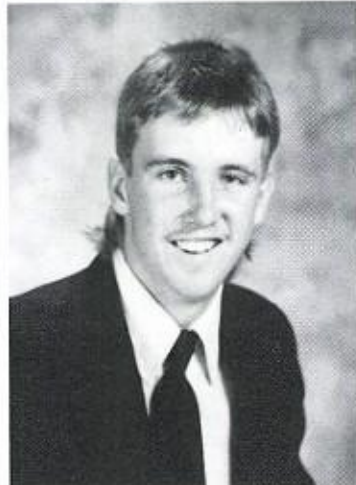
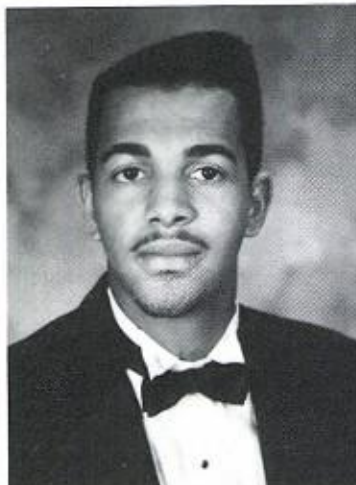


A proud group of seniors display the funeral wreath given to our arch-rival, McClellan. Comet pride lives on!

Lang Kirshberger and Keith Wheeler spend much time together inventing new creative problems to solve. This can be more fun than the solution!



Brian Linn

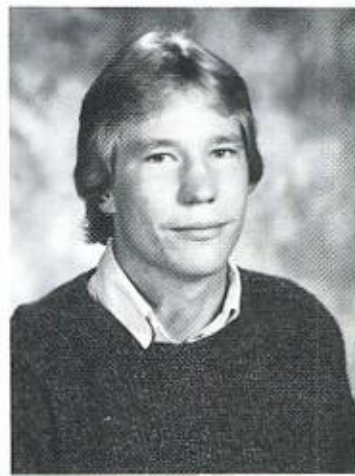
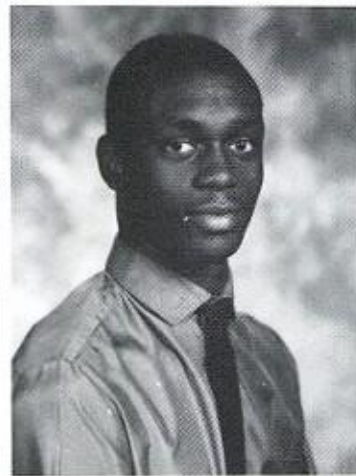


Carol Loring - FBLA 10,11,12; FHA 10,11; CYC 10,11; Band 10,11; Senior Cabinet.

Randy Lovelace - Basketball 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11; VICA 12; FHA.

Brad Marshall - Football 10,11,12; Baseball 10,11,12; Senior Cabinet; Fire Marshall 12; CYC 10; FHA 12; FBLA 12.

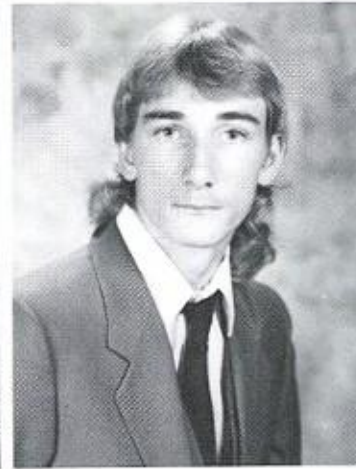
Sheila Martin - Open Door Club 12; treas.; Teacher's Aide 10; BETA 12; Senior Cabinet.



Steven Matlock - FBLA 10; CYC 10; Choir 12.

William McClain - Baseball 10,11,12.

Bob McCoig - VICA 10.



Kristy McCoy - Cosmetology 11,12; VICA 11,12 rep.; Band 10,11,12; Flagline 10,11,12 capt.; Choir 10; BETA 11.

Sonny McCumpsey - VICA 10,11; BETA 12; Football 11; Auto Mechanics 11,12.

Scott McEntire - Drama Club 10,11,12; FBLA 11,12 rep.; CYC 10,11; Baseball 10,11; Open Door Club 12 pres.; Political Animals; Close-Up 12; Senior Cabinet.

Birds Of A Feather. . .

Keith Wheeler

Staff

Wanted: Help in life.

Must be likeable, and have the courage to stick through thick and thin.

A call for help that needs to be answered. What could be loyal and likable? Who could this help be? That's easy, the help comes in the familiar form of a best friend.

"Best friends are someone who's stuck with you

for a long time. They are one in a thousand. I'd never do anything to hurt any of my best friends," Kevin Coker said.

What makes a best friend? What makes someone worthy of secrets? There's a lot more to a best friend than just someone to act crazy with and to talk to.

"A best friend will stick with you. They will put up with your bad habits and praise your good," Lang

Kirshberger said. A best friend can be someone you've known forever or someone that you've just met. As long as there are the important qualities of trust and understanding, a best friend can be almost anyone.

"All that it takes to be a best friend is loyalty. A best friend will always stand with you. There's not many like that. They are very important," Joe Wagner said.

Willie McFerguson.

John McMorran - Junior Cabinet; Senior Cabinet; Golf 12; BETA 10,11,12; King's Club 11,12; CYC 10,11; Band 10,11; Student Advisory 12.

Ryan McMurray - King's Club 12; Choir 12; CYC 10; Counselor Aide 12; Library Aide 12; Boy's State.

Suzanne Melton - Paper Staff 11,12; Lit. Magazine Staff 12; Drama Club 11,12; Quill and Scroll 11,12; Student Council 10,12; Junior Cabinet; Senior Cabinet.

Marlene Michael.

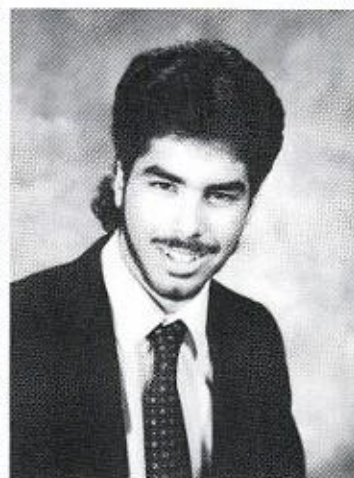
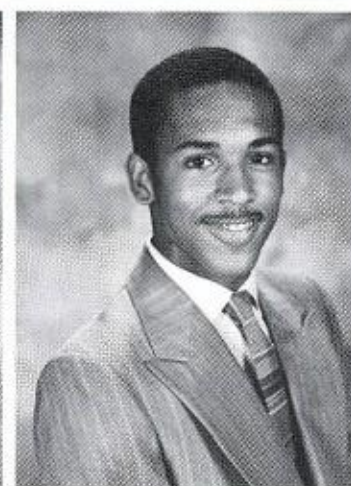
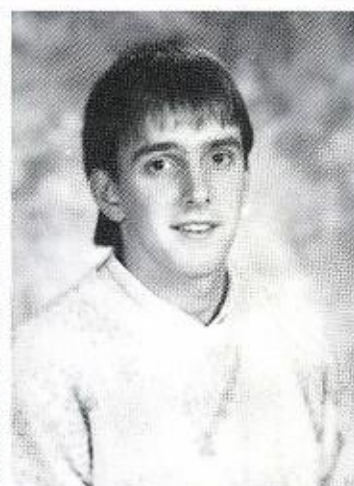
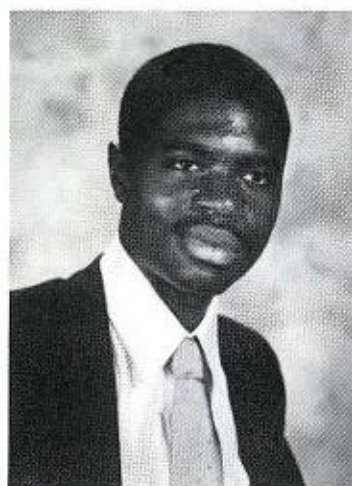
Cheryl Miller - Senior Cabinet; FBLA 11,12; D.E. 11; FHA 11; Counselor Aide 10.

Colette Miller - TAG 10,11,12; FBLA 10,12; Senior Cabinet; Care Committee 10,12; Ark. Rep. Theater 10; Broadcasting 10; BETA 10,11,12; NHS 10,11,12 Asst. Sec.; CYC 10.

Holly Minick - Drill Team 12; FBLA 10,12; Art Club 10; Drama Club 12.

Geoffrey Mobarak - FBLA 11; DECA 12; CYC 10; Who's Who Among American H.S. Students.

Gwen Moncrief - Student Council 10,11,12 treas.; FBLA 10,11,12; Senior Cabinet; COE 12; Lit. Magazine Staff 11,12; CYC 10,11; Teacher Aide 12; Choir 10.



The Price Of Graduating

Erik Swafford

Staff

It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about summer: Where should you go? What should you do? Who should you go with? What should you look like? What kind of bathing suit should you buy? How much sunscreen should you put on? These and many other intellectually challenging (try mind-boggling) questions approach you as you think about the summer. But as a senior, there are many things that must be done before you can have

fun in the sun.

Graduation precedes the beginning of summer vacation and many preparations must be made before you can start baking yourself in the sun. You have to order your graduation stuff and oh, is it fun!

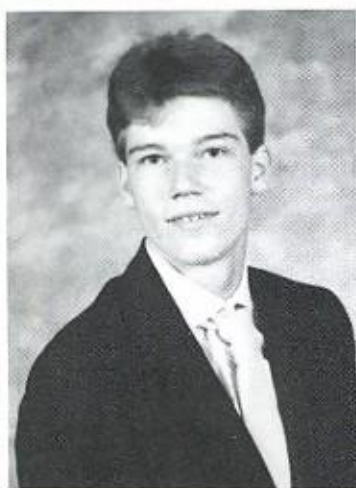
"Ordering announcements can be such a tedious task that I kept putting it off until the last minute," Colette Miller said.

The list is endless: You have your little announcements to send to family and friends, your name cards to trade with everybody in

school, your memory book to write personal thoughts in but for everybody to see, your senior key for some strange reason, your thank you notes to send to the people who give you all the "moolah", and of course your cap and gown of which your head must be measured. Through it all, however, you find some added inspiration.

"When we started ordering our graduation announcements, it made graduation feel so close and so real," Kelly Tolefree said.



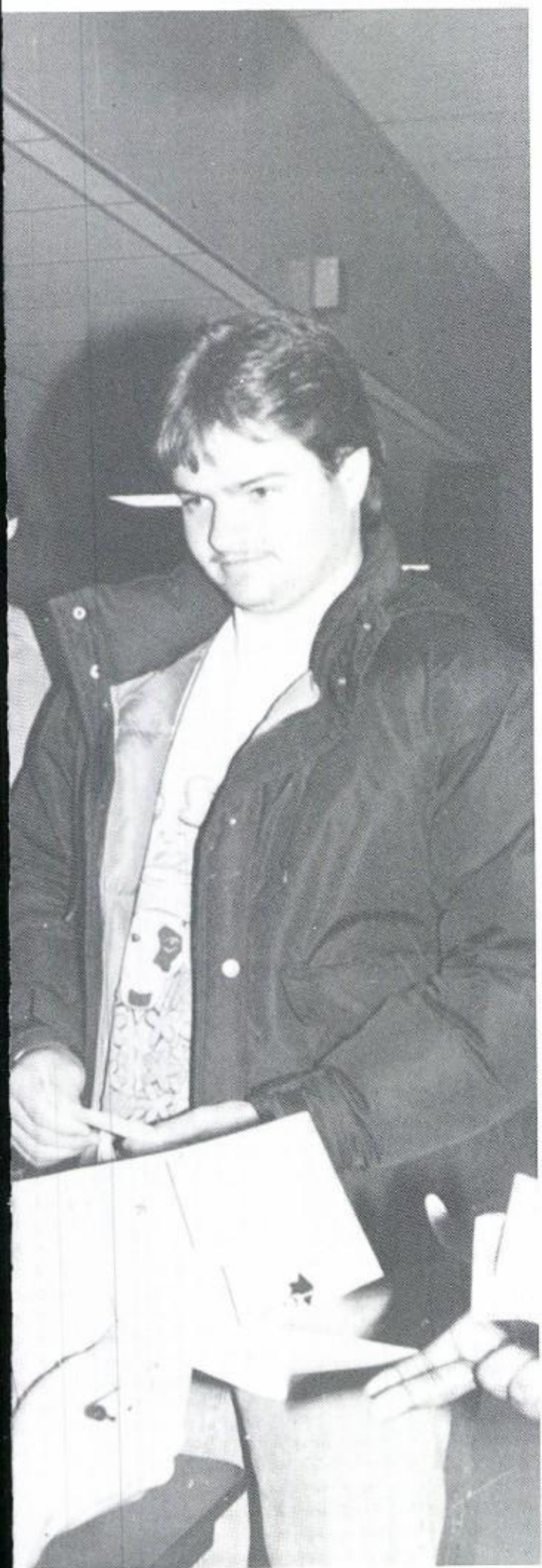


Karl Montgomery - Bakery; VICA.

Rodney Moore - FBLA 10; VICA 11.

Sonya Moore - FBLA 10,11,12 treas.; Senior Cabinet; Biology Club 11; CYC 10; COE 12.

William Morris - DECA 11,12; VICA 10.



Sheilaine Moses - Volleyball 11,12; NHS 11,12 pres.; Band 10,11 sec., 12 pres., All-Region 10,11,12; Fire Marshall; BETA 11,12; FBLA 10,11; Basketball 10; Spanish Club 12.

Tiffany Murphree - CYC 10,11; FBLA 10,11; Drama Club 12 vice pres.; Junior Cabinet; Senior Cabinet; FCA 10; Queen's Club 11.



Jackie Nash - Track 10,11; FHA 10,11,12; Spanish Club 10; Paper Staff 12; Drama 11,12; Library Aide 12; Open Door Club 11; Fire Marshall 12.

Crystal Parker - DECA; Drill Team; FCA.



Chris Seymore and Mike Smith pay their money for their cap and gown and other graduation stuff before getting their heads measured for cap size.

Mr. Barnes finishes passing out brochures to students for ordering graduation stuff at an assembly to explain how to fill out order forms.

Tara Parrish - FHA 10,11 sec.; Homecoming Maid 10,11; Basketball 10,11; Senior Cabinet; FBLA 11; BETA 11.

Eric Pennington - VICA 11,12; Football 10,12; Track 10,11,12.

Leah Pennington - FBLA 10,11,12 sec.; Political Animals 12 pres.; Senior Cabinet; Student Council 12; Paper Staff 11,12; Junior Cabinet.

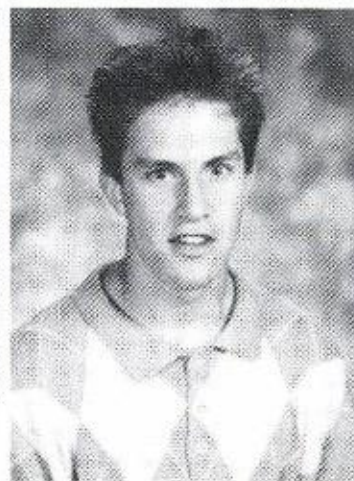
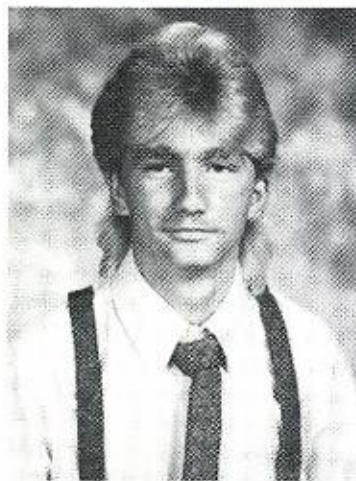
Lori Pennington - Paper Staff 10,11,12 editor; Tennis 10,11,12; Who's Who; Political Animals 12 vice pres.; Student Council 10,11.

Jimmy Perkins - VICA 12.

Tommy Persson - Football 12; King's Club 12; Close-Up 12.

Treva Peyton - BETA 10,11,12; Art Club 10,11,12 vice pres.; FBLA 12; Cheerleader 10,11,12 co-capt.; Governor's School; Girl's State; Open Door Club 12; Junior Cabinet.

Kirk Pierce - BETA 11; FBLA 10; DECA 12; King's Club 12; Senior Cabinet; Fire Marshall 10; Biology Club 10.



Melody Case, Jessica Roenne, and other seniors mash together on the bleachers as they show support for the Comet football players and have fun doing so.

Gabrielle Fair gathers all the necessary pamphlets and instruction books to register for the ACT standardized test. These forms were available in the Counselor's office.

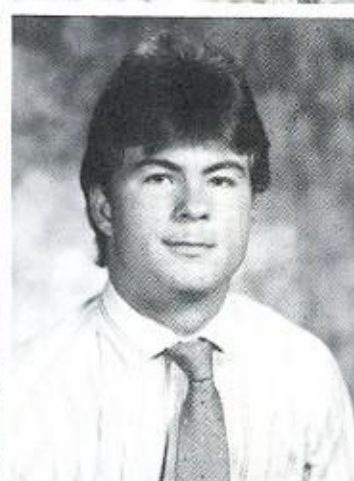


Rusty Pifer - King's Club 11,12 pres.; NHS 10,11,12 vice pres.; BETA 10,11,12; Odyssey of the Mind 10; TAG 10,11,12; Quill and Scroll 11,12.

Terry Piggee - Art Club 10,11,12 treas.

Angel Pinson - Senior Cabinet; FBLA 11,12; Office Aide 11,12; Drama Club 12; FHA 10; Student Council 12.

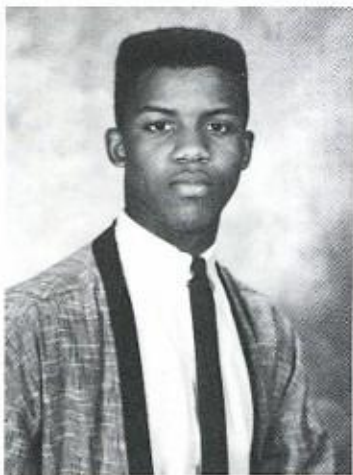
Shelly Pirro - Cheerleader 10; Spanish Club 10.



Amy Porter - FBLA; FHA 10,11; CYC; Choir 10,11; VICA 11; DECA 11; Biology Club.

Kim Price - Cosmetology 11,12; VICA 11,12; BETA 12; Lit. Magazine Staff 12.

Jim Quick - Football 10,11,12; VICA 11 parl., 12; CYC 10,11; FCA 10,11,12.



Tony Rainey - FHA 10; FBLA 10,11,12; CYC 11.

Marscell Reed - VICA 11 rep.; FBLA 10.

Rena Rice - DECA 11,12 treas.

A Tasty Experience For Seniors

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

Cold rooms, uncomfortable chairs, clocks, number two pencils, admission tickets, hundreds of little bubbles to fill in, and questions that deal with such things as the mating of a grasshopper - all of these have thing in common: standardized tests.

ACT, SAT, PSAT, MET, ASVAB, and SRA make up the alphabet soup of standardized tests.

"Standardized tests mea-

sure the amount of information you can memorize, not necessarily how much you have learned. A person's true intellect can't be measured by a written test. Personal experience is the best test and teacher," Colette Miller said.

The old saying that "nothing is free in life" stands true with these examinations.

"I don't mind taking the ACT, SAT, or PSAT, but I wish they wouldn't charge me to take the test just so

they can tell how smart I am," Jessica Roenne said.

Standardized tests are given a lot of attention since colleges require the scores for admission.

"I don't think colleges should use standardized tests as a measure of intelligence," Erik Swafford said.

Until there is a better way to measure the aptitude of students, standardized tests will still be an important part of all student's lives.

Lisa Ridling - FHA 10; FBLA 10; Counselor Aide 10; D.E. 11,12.

Marlon Rieth - DECA 11,12.

Sheila Roberts - DECA 11,12; FBLA 10.

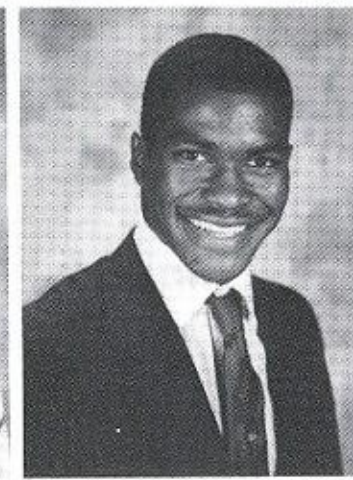
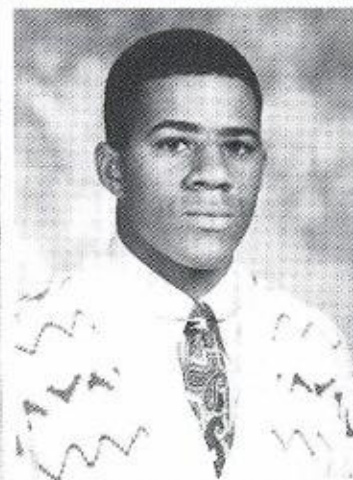
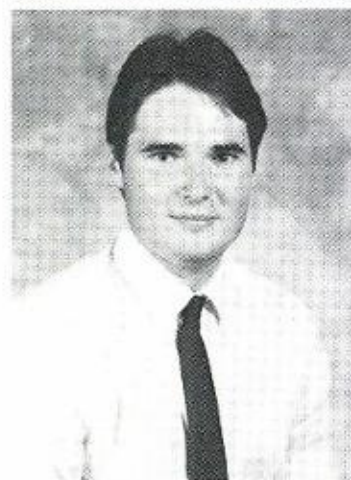
Remonica Robie - FHA 10,11; FBLA 10,11,12; Track 10; CYC 11.



Eric Robinson - FBLA 12.

Keith Robinson - Senior Cabinet; Principal Advisory Committee 12; Open Door Club 12; Fire Marshall 12; Football 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11,12; FCA 10.

Ronnie Robinson - Basketball 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11; Junior Cabinet; Senior Cabinet; Band 10,11,12; CYC 10; Teacher Aide 11,12.



Jessica Roenne - Senior Cabinet rep.; FBLA 12; Drama Club 12; BETA 10,11,12; Counselor Aide 12; Cheerleader 10; Spanish Club 10 rep. 11; FHA 10,11.

Tamiea Rosby - BETA 10,11,12; FHA 10; Junior Cabinet; Band 11; Senior Cabinet; FBLA 12; COE 12; Homecoming Maid 10,12.

Marisol Rua - Open Door Club 12.



Suffering From Senioritis

Colette Miller

Staff

Senioritis: A disease which infects high school students and causes them to show their rank above sophomores and juniors. This illness lasts for quite some time and requires many days of recuperation away from school. In some cases the sufferers lose *all* interest in academics and spend the majority of their time dreaming about June 4.

If you've seen these

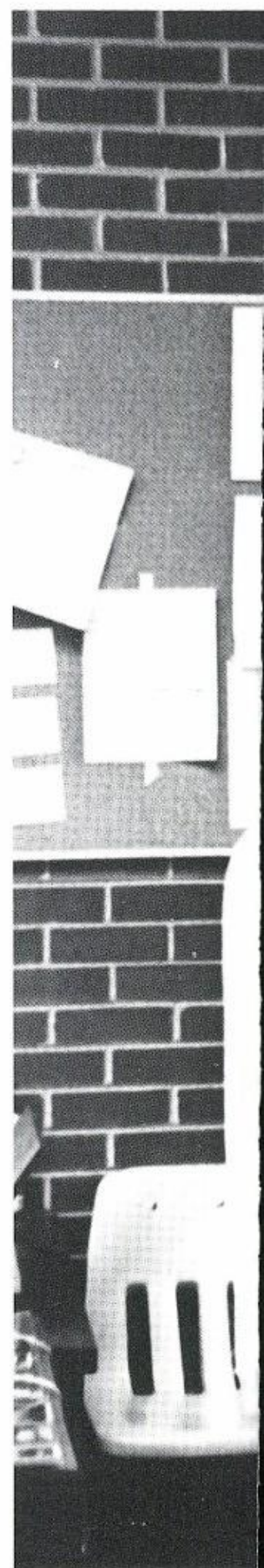
symptoms it's most likely Senioritis. The good thing is that it's curable after graduation. These compulsive thoughts flood some Senior's minds constantly.

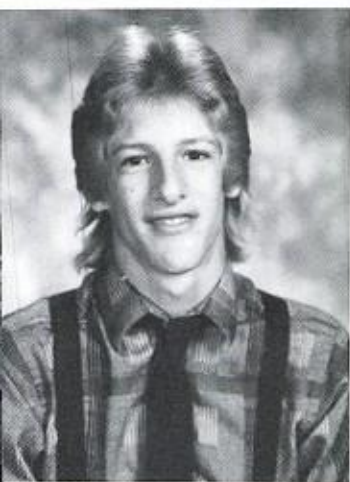
"It's like being pregnant and I'm having my baby on June 4. I've carried this for 12 years, and now it's time to deliver. My waiting is over and I finally get to hold my diploma. It's a great feeling of relief," Kelly Tolefree said.

This disease can be good

when the release comes. When the pressure suddenly leaves everything is changed, including the student. The outlook is much clearer, and there is a new perspective on life.

"I feel like a caterpillar about to emerge from a cocoon. Finally, I get to leave this place and go into new and better places. Being a senior is like breaking that seal," Tara Givens said.



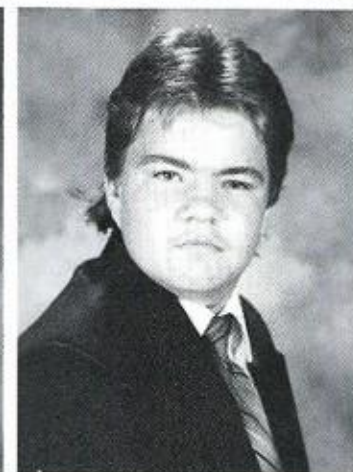


Barry Rudder - VICA 10,11,12 rep.; Student Council 12; Biology Club 11; SADD 10.

Regina Russell - Choir 11; D.E. 12.

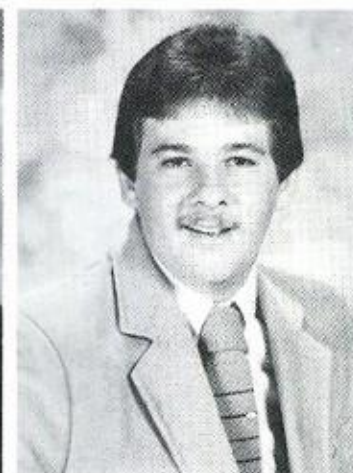
Tammi Russey.

Thomas Schneider - VICA 11,12.



Tina Scruggs - Senior Cabinet; FBLA 10,11,12; Band 10,11; Student Congress 10; FCS 10; Key Club 10.

William Scruggs - VICA 10,11,12.



Cindy Seibs - FBLA 10,11,12; VICA 11 sec.

Mike Seymore - VICA 10,11,12; Band 10,11.



Angel Pinson sorts out an armful of mail to be shuffled into teacher's boxes. This is one of many daily tasks for an office aide to fulfill.

Senioritis sinks in on Jennifer Jones as she displays an outstanding symptom: the tendency to revert back to childhood actions and act silly.

Harold Shray - Band 10,11,12 senior rep., All-Region 10,11,12; FBLA 10; Annual Staff 10,11 business manager; Counselor Aide 10.

Karen Shumaker - TAG 10,11,12; Girl's State; NHS 10,11,12; BETA 10,11,12 pres.; Annual Staff 10 org. editor; Lit. Magazine Staff 10; Care Committee 10,11; Senior Cabinet.

Shelly Siler - Band 10; CYC 10; FBLA 10,11,12; Office Aide 10,11.

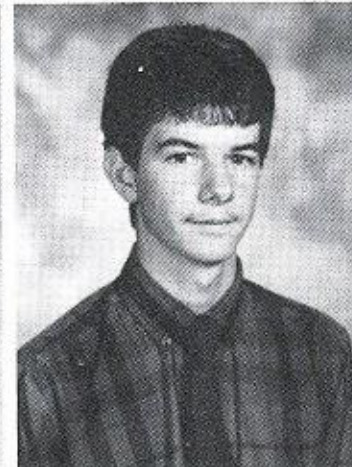
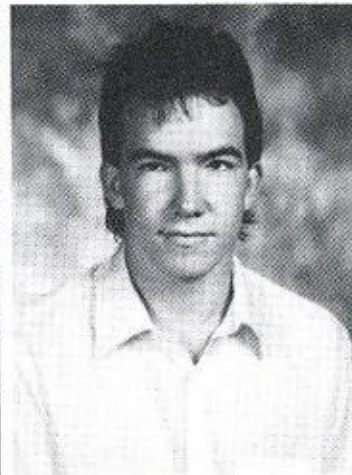
Nita Simmons - TAG 10,11,12; Annual Staff 11,12; NHS 12; BETA.

Chris Smith - VICA 10; DECA 12.

Ronnie Smith - CYC 10,11; VICA 11,12.

Tracie Smith - Volleyball 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11,12; Track 10,11; FADD 12; FBLA 12; Student Council 12; Senior Cabinet.

Donavon Somers - FBLA 10; Senior Cabinet; Student Council 12; King's Club 12.



Suzanne Melton, Elizabeth White, Kristi Henson, and Jerome Tenpenny work on the literary magazine as they read, summarize, review, and choose colorful metaphors for poems.

Sheilaine Moses goes up to the chalkboard prepared to write down her homework assignment for Spanish. Students discussed the assignment after it was put on the board.



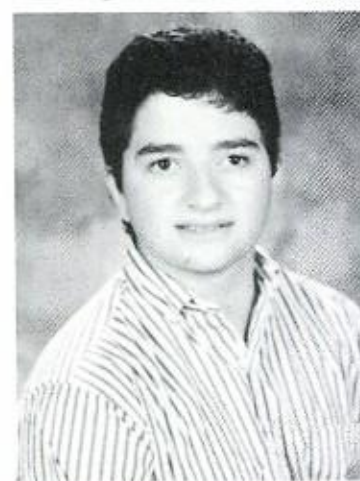


Angela Springer - FHA 10,11
treas.; FBLA 10,11; BETA 11; Senior
Cabinet; Homecoming maid 11; Span-
ish Club 11.

Julie Squires - BETA 10,11,12;
Senior Cabinet; Junior Cabinet; FBLA
10,11,12; Cheerleader 10,11; Office
Aide 11; Homecoming maid 10; COE
12.

Bryant Steele - BETA 10,11;
King's Club 11,12; Senior Cabinet;
FBLA 10; CYC 10; Biology Club 10.

Tina Stripling - Choir 10,11,12.



Erik Swafford - Open Door
Club 12 sec.; Governor's School Alt.;
NHS 12; BETA 12; Senior Cabinet;
FBLA 11; Annual Staff 10,11,12 people
editor; TAG 10,12; Quill and Scroll
11,12.

Kevin Swaims - Football 10,11;
VICA 11,12; FBLA 10; Student Council
12.

Jerome Tenpenny - Annual
Staff 10,11; Band 10; Lit. Magazine
Staff 12; Quill and Scroll 12.



Bridgit Thigpen - FBLA 11,12;
Drama Club 10,11 vice pres., 12; Fire
Marshall 10; Library Aide 10.

Beth Thomas - Drama Club 11;
FBLA 12.

Kristi Thomas - Basketball
10,11; Band 10,11; VICA 11,12 vice
pres.; BETA 11,12; NHS 12; Junior
Cabinet; Senior Cabinet; Office Aide
11,12.

Thinking Of The Good 'Ol Days

Harold Shray

Bus. Manager

"Will I pass my English test? How am I going to make my car payment? Why are my parents still on my case?"

It is hard to believe but the time that we are spending here will someday be considered the good 'ol days. All of the frantic running around trying to discover life's true purpose while still trying to hold a job, go to school, prepare for the future, and if there is time, try to carry on a social life.

No one person or group of people can even suggest what a school means to others, but time will tell what we remember about the good 'ol days at Mills.

"Life since I came to Mills this year is strange because I use to go to McClellan, but one of the differences that I like is that here people seem to others more," Louis LeMaire said.

"I will always remember Mills because of all of the friends that I have made over the years. And because of the ways that it helped me look at things," Diane

Clark said.

"Mills really helped me by having classes like DE. Because of that it will help me get a job and if I decide to go to school I will have the money to go," William Morris said.

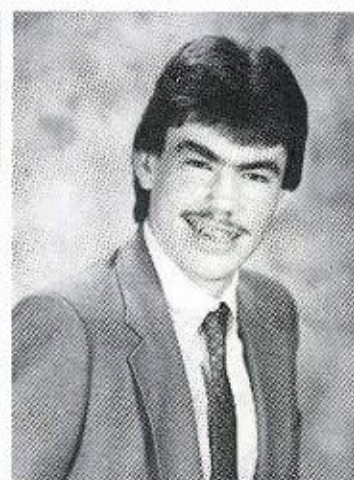
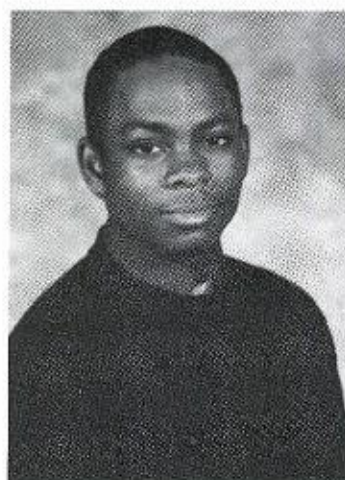
"I will mainly remember the people that I have grown up with. I am glad that I met people here but it is also here that I am going to have to leave them this June," Michael Duggan said.

Robert Thomas - VICA 12; Senior Cabinet; CYC 10,11; FBLA 10,11; NHS 12; Basketball 10; Counselor Aide 11.

Larry Thompson - BETA 12; TAG 10,11,12; Odyssey of the Mind 10.

Tracy Thompson - FBLA 12.

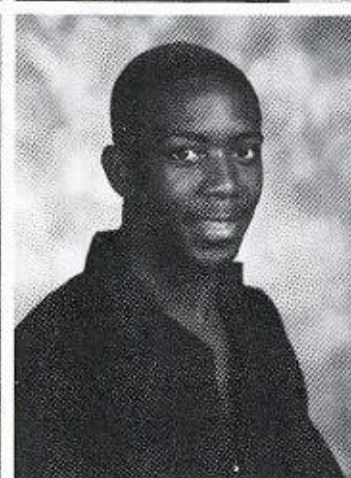
Michelle Tillar.



Jenel Tolefree - Fire Marshall 11,12; Student Council 12; Band 10,11; Flagline 10,11; Senior Cabinet; Queen's Club 11.

Kelly Tolefree - FBLA 10,11 rep.; FHA 10,12; Band 11; Flagline 11; Senior Cabinet; Student Council 12; Open Door Club 12; Queen's Club 11.

Rodney Townsend - VICA 11 vice pres.; FBLA 10; Care Committee 12.



Tim Turnage.

Mayra Ullrich.

Angela Underwood - FBLA 10,11,12; FHA 10; Art Club 10; VICA 10.



Taking Off On The Lunch Shift

Harold Shray

Bus. Manager

It has been attempted for as long as anyone remembers. And it has always had the same two instructions: elude capture, and the most important, get away from school food and everything that comes with it.

Leaving to go eat lunch has become a major part of the average school day this year. And since we all like to be involved in school functions it is only fair that the newest "class" at Mills is attended every day possible

so as not to build up enough tardies to be sent to the office.

The only problem with this noble idea is that someone in their haste must have forgotten to tell the administration. A very grave error since so many people seem to have it on their schedule. It is the only class that we really try to get to on time (just ask any state trooper between here and McDonalds) and all the teachers want to know "where are you going?"

"I have not had a teacher

stop me for leaving at lunch this year," Mike Seymore said.

Finally away from school and heading west down Dixon, the mission is half completed. But now we come to the most difficult question that we will face, "Where can we go on lunch period?"

"I do not worry much about where I go at lunch. It really doesn't matter as long as I don't have to stay here," Stephanie Wilbern said.

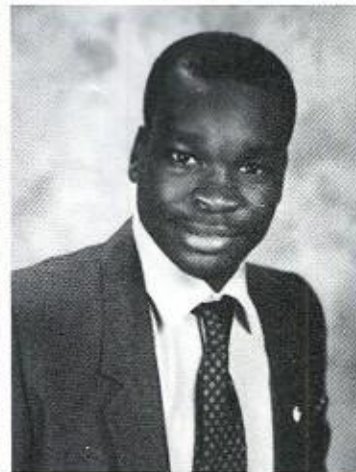


Fran Urban - FBLA 10,11,12 sen. hist.; Senior Cabinet; CYC 10,11; BETA 10,11; SADD 10.

Robin Ussery - FBLA 10,11; DECA 12 sec.

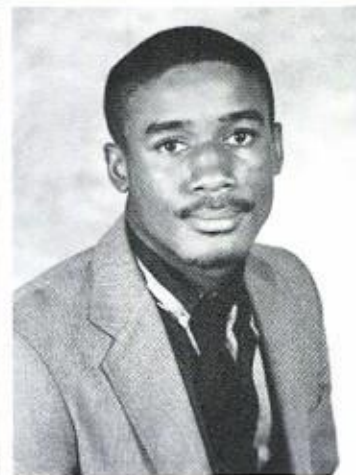
Phillip Van Hoose.

Joseph Wagner - BETA 12; VICA 12; Band 10,11; CYC 10; Office Aide 12.



Kelly Waleszonia.

Deryl Walker - FBLA 10; Band 10,11,12; Baseball 11,12; VICA 11; Football 12; Fire Marshall 12.



Kristi Walker - FBLA 10,11,12; CYC 10,11; BETA 10,11,12; Annual Staff 11 business manager.

Ronnie Wallace.



Knoxie Hall and Jason Welch enjoy themselves as they make some delicacies for Home Economics. Students then were able to taste their creation.

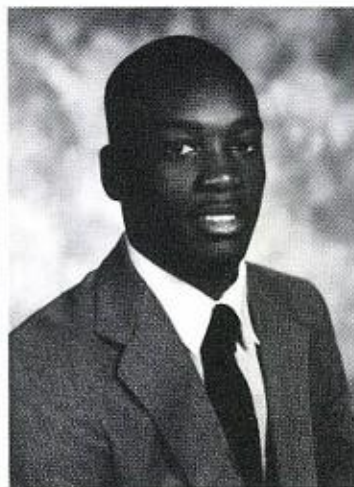
Kelly Tolefree, Aaron Wilkerson, and Cindy Hope fill their plates full of delicious food as they share in a morning brunch in Home Economics class.

Shannon Warner - NHS 11,12;
BETA 11,12; TAG 10,11,12; Senior
Cabinet; FBLA 12; Care Committee
10,11; Art Club 12; Queen's Club 11.

Dereke Watson.

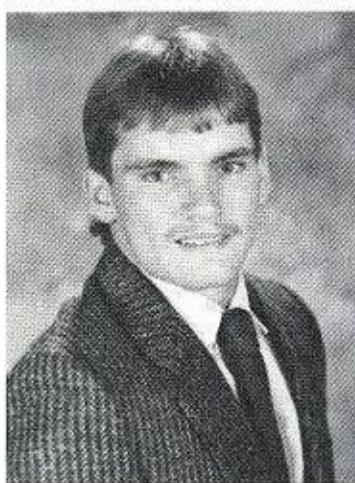
Carol Webb - FBLA 10; FHA 10;
Choir 11.

Bruce Weidemann - Band
10,11,12.



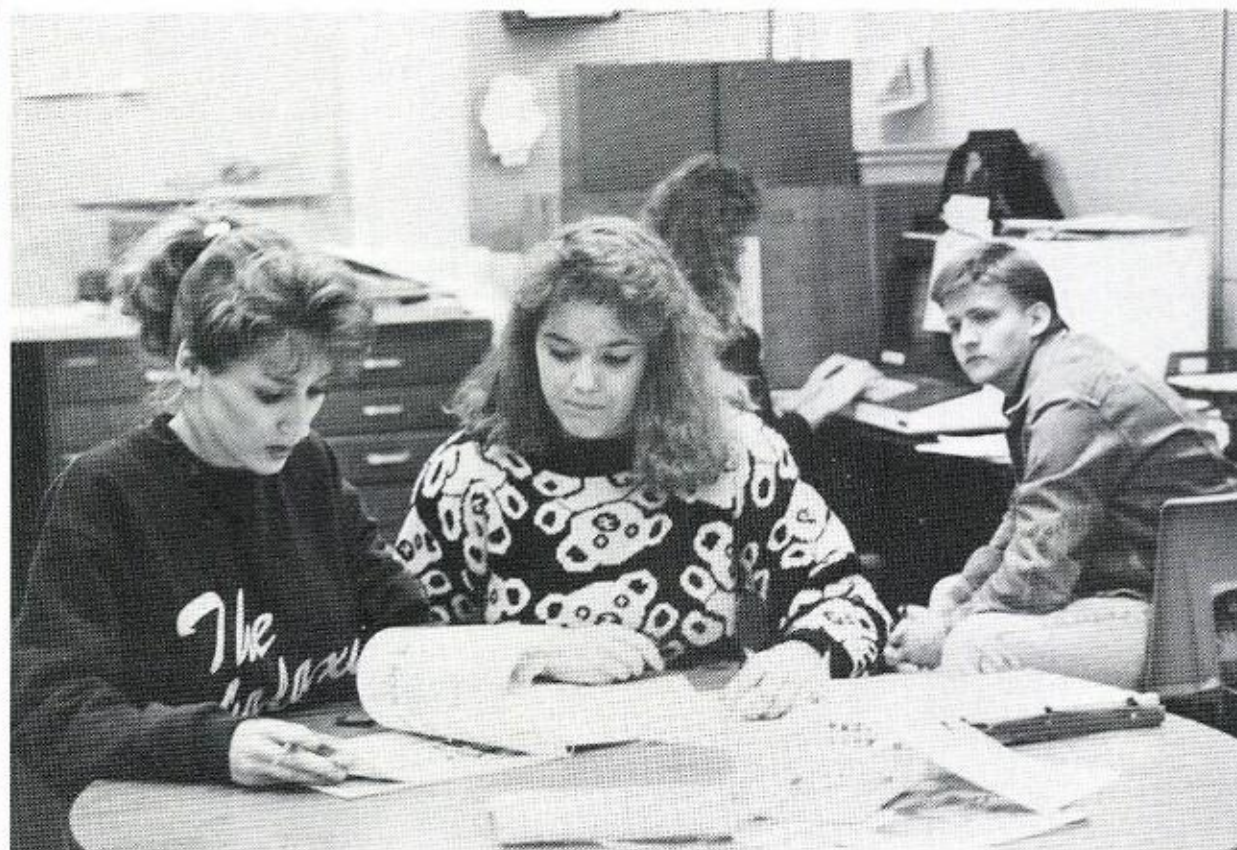
Jason Welch - Football 10,11,12;
Baseball 10,11,12; Paper Staff 10,11;
King's Club 10,11,12; BETA 10,11,12;
Senior Cabinet; Boy's State; Quill and
Scroll 10,11.

Elizabeth White - DECA.



Julian White - FBLA 10,11,12;
CYC 10,11; Senior Cabinet; Biology
Club 11.

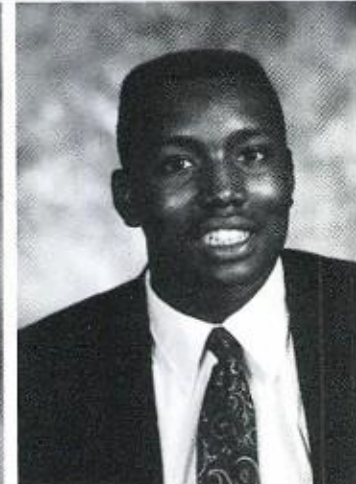
Stephanie Wilbern - FBLA
10; DECA 12; Photo Club 11.



Jennifer Jones and Lori Pennington look over
guideline materials as they work towards finishing
a deadline for an edition of the newspaper.

Deadline pressure causes Lisa Berry to take a
breather. Everlasting deadlines kept Lisa and the
rest of the yearbook staff on their toes.



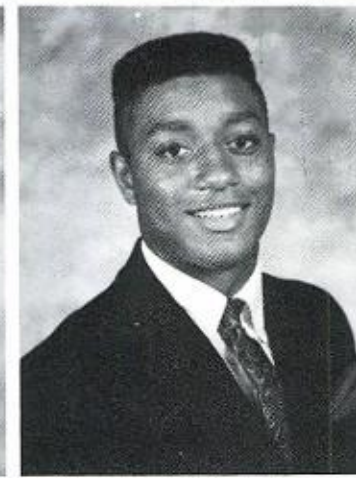


Derrick Williams - VICA; Basketball.

Kim Williams - Senior Cabinet; NHS 11,12; BETA 11,12; FBLA 12; TAG 10,12; Girl's State; Band 10,11; Flag Line 10,11.

Lavette Williams - FBLA 10,12; Volleyball 10,11,12; Student Council 12; Basketball 12 manager.

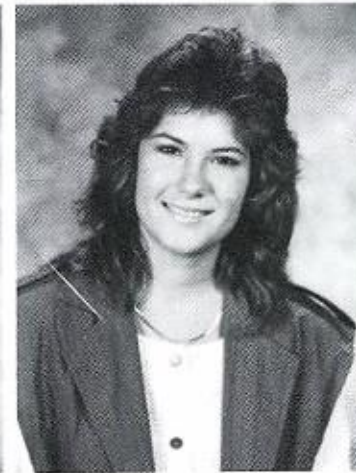
Lee Williams - Basketball 10; FBLA 12.



Lisa Williams - Volleyball 10,11,12; Track 10; FHA 11; Basketball 12; FBLA 12; COE 12; Homecoming 12.

Felicia Wilson - Choir 10,11,12; FBLA 12; R.O.T.C. 10.

Steven Wilson - Football 10,11,12; Basketball 10,11,12; Track 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11,12; FHA 10,11,12; King's Club 11,12; BETA 10,11,12; Boy's State.



Tammy Wine - FBLA 10,11,12; CYC 10,11; Senior Cabinet; Cheerleader 10; Homecoming maid 10; Office Aide 10,11,12; COE 12.

Rhonda Wood - NHS 11,12; BETA 10,11,12; FBLA 10,11,12; Senior Cabinet; Queen's Club 11.

John Woods - Band 10,11,12; All-Region 10,11,12; Senior Cabinet; Open Door Club; Fire Marshall; Student Council; Office Aide 11,12.

Deadline: Two Four-Letter Words

Chad Pifer

Org. Editor

Burning the mid-night oil, hunger pains, correction fluid, and frayed nerves all have one thing in common "DEAD"-lines.

"To survive a deadline, all that you need is lots of aspirin, white-out, and a supply of Vivarin," Suzanne Melton said.

Have you ever wondered why there is a deadline in one class and another in

some other class at the same time. Maybe the teachers are out to see how much it takes to push someone to the edge of their rocker.

"Personally, I think that the teachers have a monthly planning meeting, to see how many assignments they can plan at the same time," Caroline Breashears said.

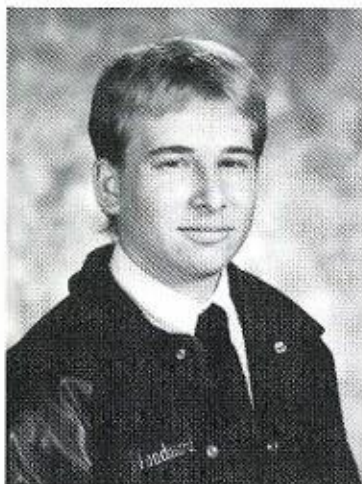
Besides just having school deadlines, many Seniors have college application and scholarship deadlines

that pile up one right after another.

"With all these deadlines at once I don't have time to write all these essays and to do all of the repetitious questions that each of them ask," Treva Peyton.

Everyone has them and hates them but deadlines are here to stay and will remain a part of everyone's lives.

Tommy Woodward - Band 10,11,12; Drill Team Drummer 12; VICA 11,12.



Karla Yancey - FBLA 10,11,12; Senior Cabinet; Fire Marshall 12; FADD 10,12; Student Council 12; FHA 12; Office Aide 12; Homecoming maid 12.



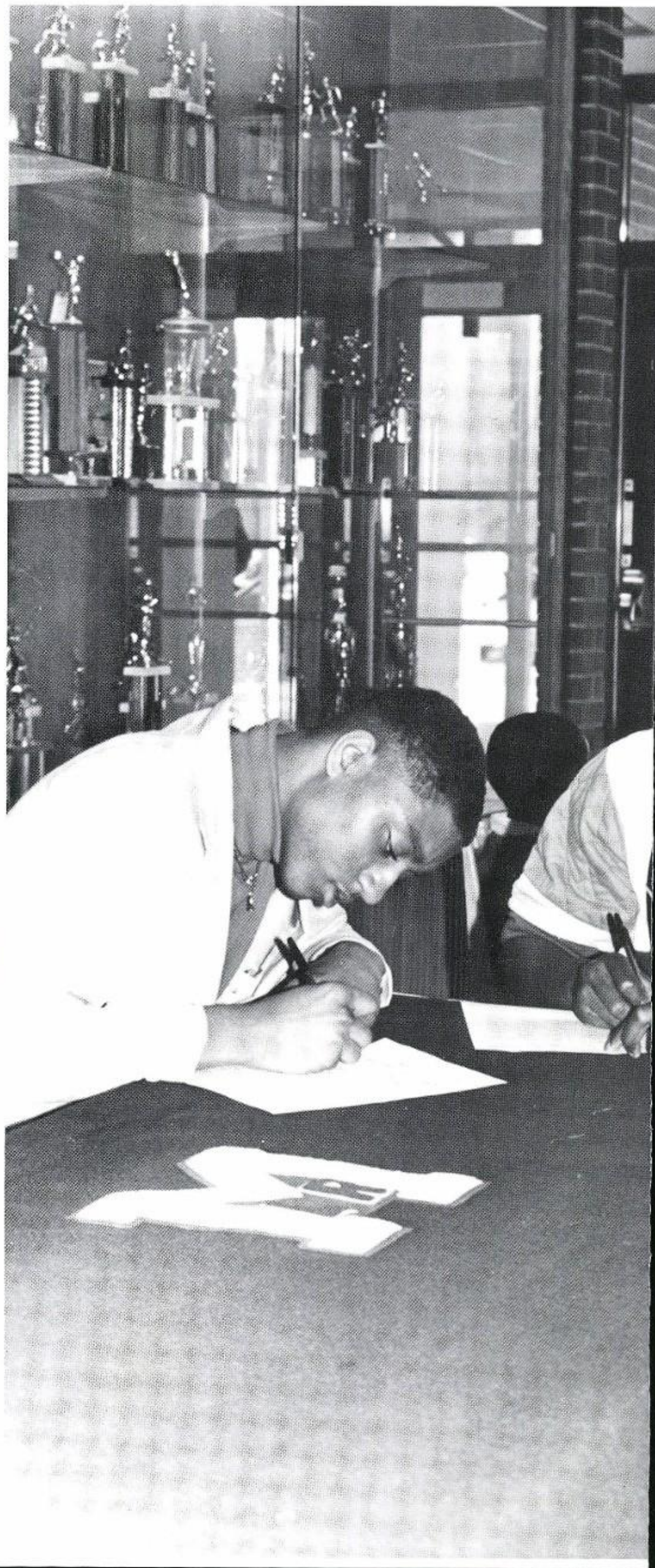
Kimberly Yancey - CYC 10,11,12; Cheerleader 10,11,12 capt.; VICA 12; Senior Cabinet; Homecoming maid 10,11,12; FBLA 12.



DeeAnn Yarberry - VICA 11,12; Cosmetology 11,12; Choir 10,11; FBLA 10.



Steven Wilson and Norman Dunn add their signatures to the papers that will ensure their enrollment in Louisiana Tech starting in the fall.



The Advanced Placement Curse

Erik Swafford

Staff

Beware! It's the Advanced Placement Curse, otherwise known as the AP Curse. This horrible omen is usually accompanied by excess homework, fatigue, staying up late at night, frequent trips to UALR, insomnia, anemia, and brain damage. These accelerated courses are confined mostly to seniors.

The major AP course is English. This exciting class includes several readings of Shakespeare, and seniors have to take books home over the summer and read, read, read! They also read plays, poetry, and write FOUR research papers. The course is very fascinating... to Mrs. Green, but the students felt differently.

"You can get extra credit but it's hard and takes lots of time," Kim Williams said.

Another AP course is calculus. Mr. Hamlin teaches students such thrilling subjects as differential equations, derivatives, integrals, discontinuities, related rates, and other things. Remember, this is a math course. It is an extremely difficult course and brave seniors who took calculus frequently compared their low test scores.

"It's hard but it looks good on a transcript. It's worth it to me," Larry Thompson said.

A third AP course is chemistry. This fun class, taught by Coach Runyan, explores careful studies into establishing equilibriums between acids and bases, gathering experimental data for titration graphs, and learning the Bronsted-Lowrey, and Lewis theories of acids and bases. What fun!

"It's not really hard if you put in a little extra study time. What makes it hard is you haven't got the time," Rusty Pifer said.

The AP courses are set up to prepare students for AP tests in which a passing score attains college credit for the student. The one aspect that may encourage students to enroll in AP courses is the weighted grading scale.

"The AP courses are very difficult and challenging. You have to think more about what you are doing than in regular classes," Steven Wilson said.

The AP courses are not suggested for lazy students because they require concentration and studying. People with heart conditions or back problems should not sign up. It's a matter of life and *Macbeth*.

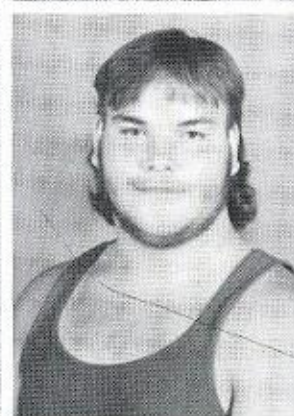
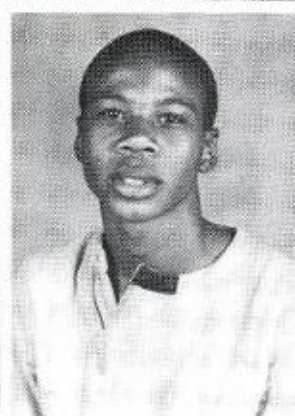


AP English students Sheila Martin and Cindy Hope join in the fun at a pep assembly and show their support for the football team.

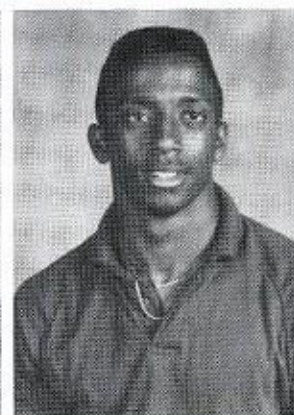
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Jody Andrews
Darlene Austin



Latonja Austin
Sherrie Austin
Zonerick Avery
William Bailey
Kenneth Belk



Cory Bennett
Shelly Bennett
Lisa Blair
LaKhiva Blann
Daniel Bone



The Moment of Truth

Erik Swafford
People Editor

It has been a wonderful day. You've finished all your homework and confidently walk to your seventh period classroom. The tardy bell rings, and the teacher delivers a message of shocking horror. It's time for the quiz. Quiz? What quiz?!

Your hands become cold and clammy. Sweat begins to drip down your forehead and you tremble as you turn white as snow. The paper that kills is handed to you and you can already see a transparent "F" starting to appear

on the paper.

Quizzes aren't the worst, they are only the babies of the family line of tests. Open-book tests are pivotal; they can be hard or they can be a cinch. Then there are the regular tests. These are always mysterious tests because you never know what is going to be on them. These can also be easy or hard, but they are always scary.

Tests usually create a feeling of anxiety. Although they have not been known to cause someone to see a psychiatrist, they do make people

nervous.

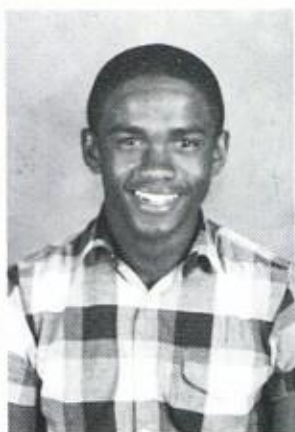
"I always get scared when it's time to take a test," Tommy Kent said.

The "big momma" of tests are those dreaded standardized tests. Not only do you pay for them, but they also require you to use your mind.

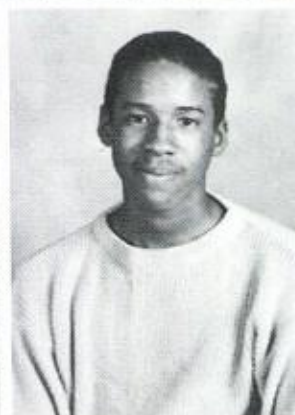
"I don't like standardized tests because they aren't an accurate measure of intelligence," Kelly Myers said.

Tests are always going to be here so if you can't handle the anxiety you'd better start looking for a good therapist or start studying.





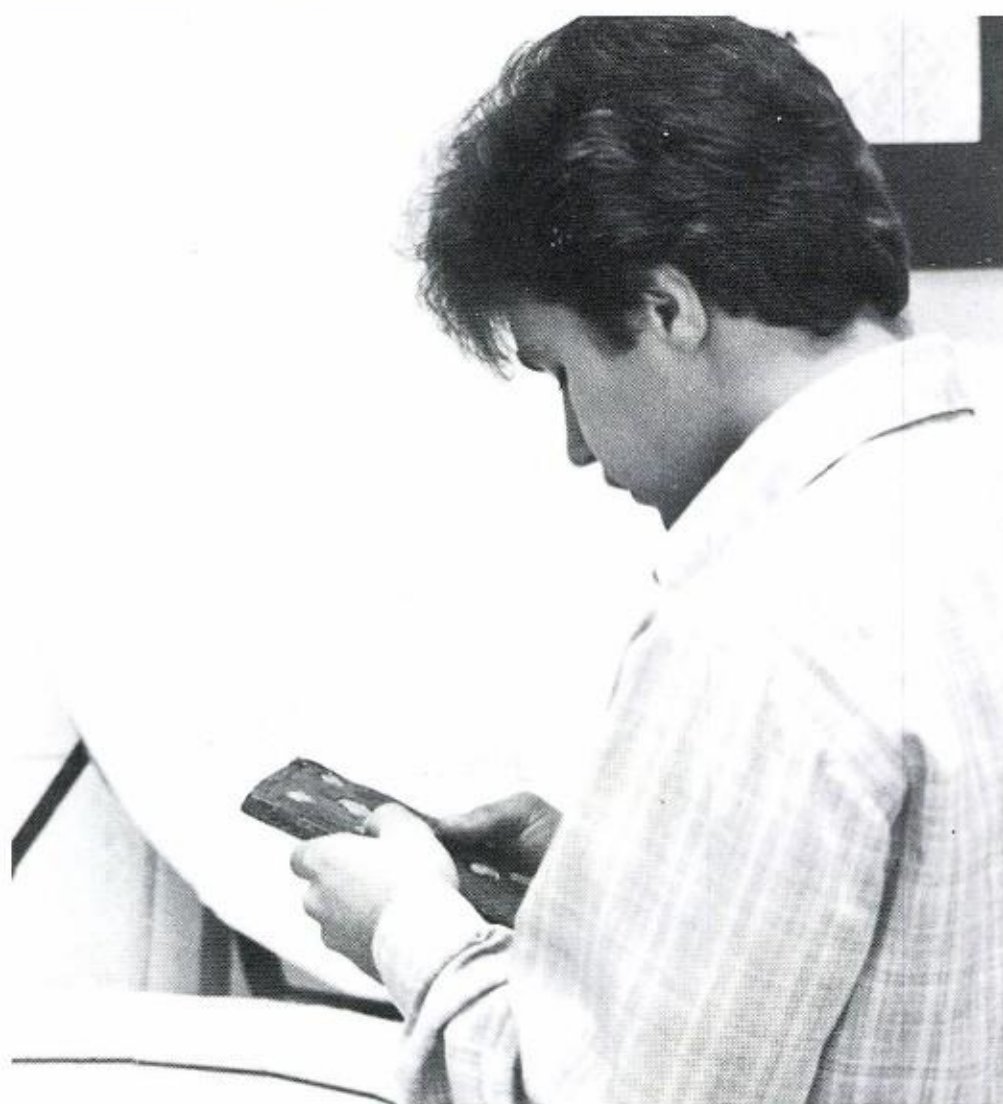
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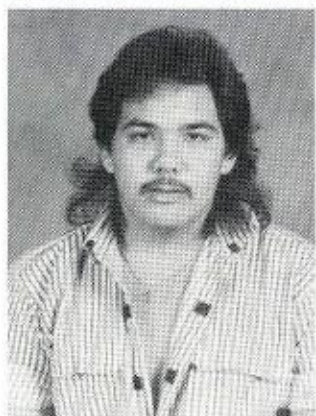
Good Answer! Even students in a P.E. class have to take tests and these students take their time to get the right answers.

Denzil Roland fires his latest creation in the kiln and adds the finishing touches for presentation to his teacher.

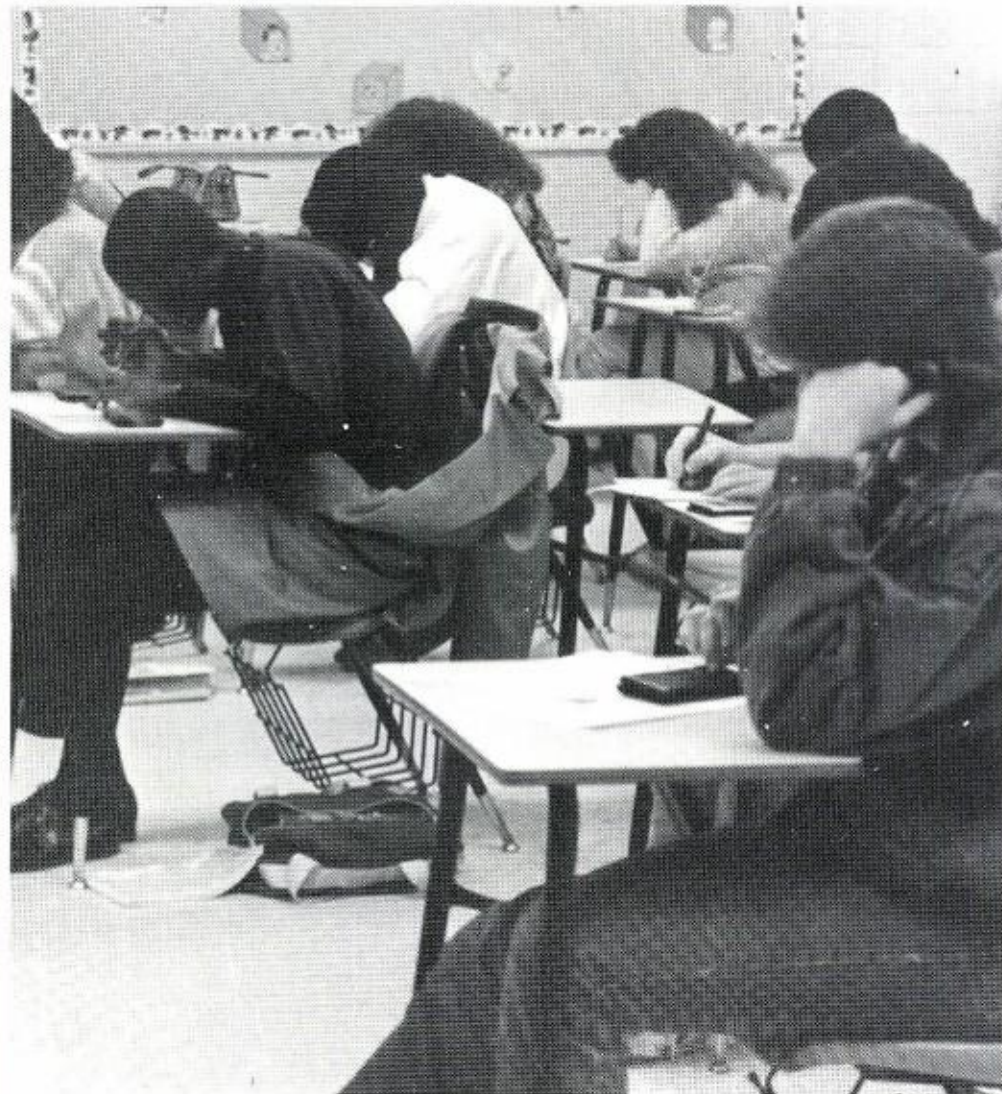
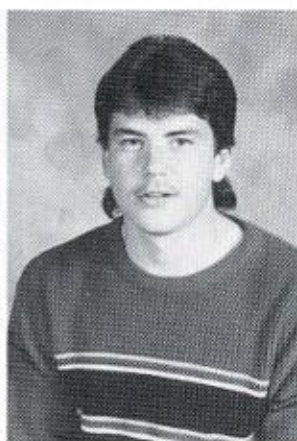
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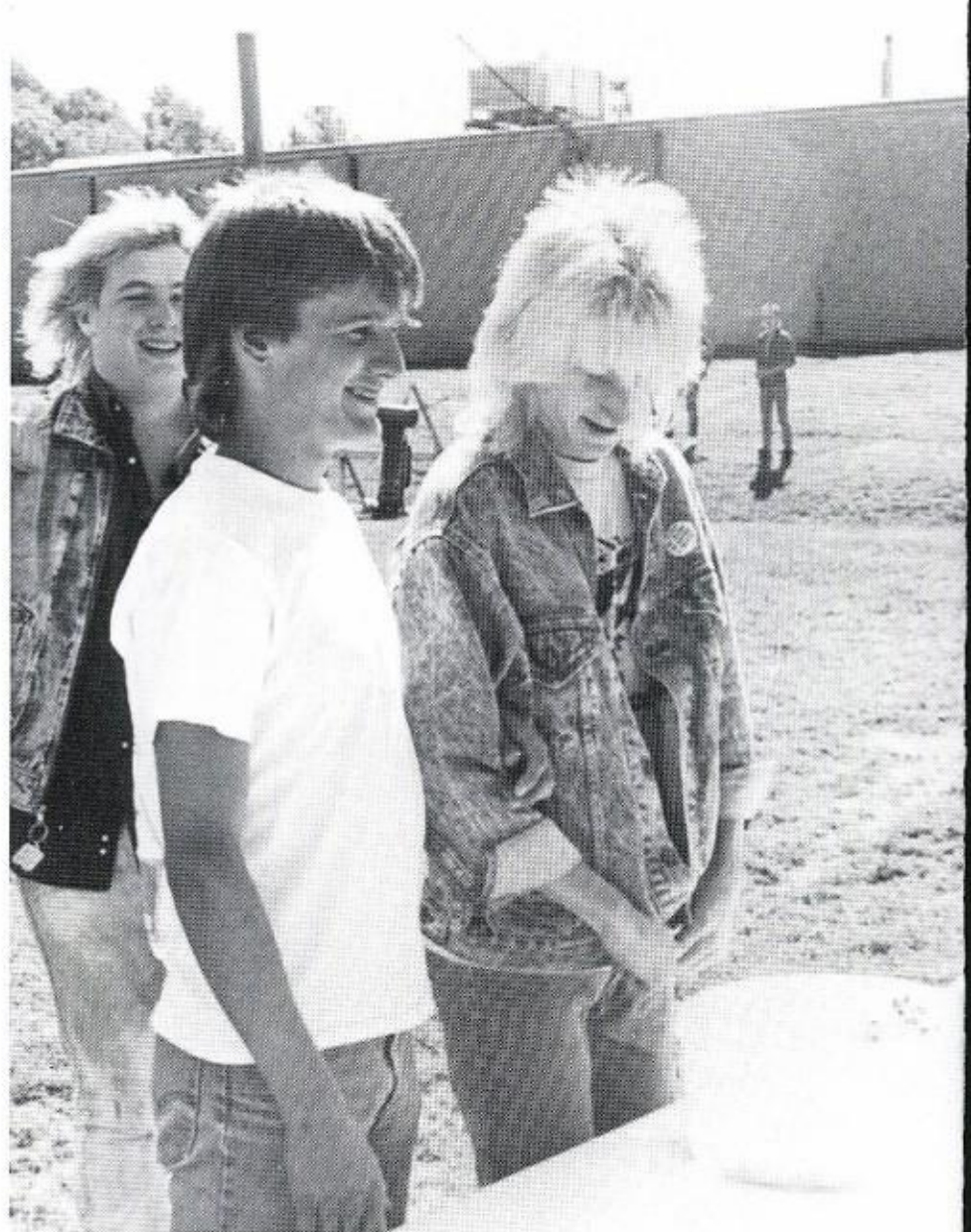
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Those little wonder machines called calculators are used frequently by students, especially when taking a math test.

Matt Grogan and Eric Smith stop by some of the booths at a carnival held behind the school during lunch to help raise money.





Keith Dedmon
Glythena Dismuke
Teresa Donley
Keri Duncan
Michelle Dunlap

Jeff Dye
Clara Eackles
Anson Eaglin
Teresa Elliott
Marvin Elmore

Tina Elmore
Paula Estell
Rickey Evans
Joseph Fee
Tony Fontonette

Count Your Blessings

Colette Miller
Staff

Pushing keys left and right. Watching those numbers flash across the crystalized screen. The thrill of knowing you have the right answer, for once in your life. Calculators make this possible.

"I use calculators for Accounting II and Trigonometry. They have been a necessity. Especially in Accounting," Enrica Randall said.

Students who have calculators are well aware of

their blessing, but the help a calculator can give is measured by how well the student can use it.

"I use a calculator in Algebra II and it helps me some. They are a wonderful invention, but sometimes I don't understand what all the keys are for!" Kriston Milligan said.

Not having a calculating device can mean sudden death for some students. Mathematics can be a long process, and other students are able to produce correct answers from head

knowledge. It does take longer, but accuracy is important either way.

"Not having a calculator hinders me because I have to borrow one. Especially in Chemistry. I can basically do the problems in my head, or write them out on a piece of paper," Tiawanna Glover said.

Having a calculator can definitely be a help, but not having one doesn't have to stop you from continuing your regular routine.

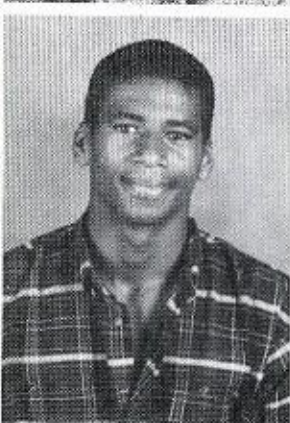


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Jaime Gatrell
Mona Gilkey
Aaron Glass



Tiawanna Glover
Eric Gray
Dee Dee Griggs
Matt Grogan
Latese Guillory



Carla Hall
Holly Hamby
Rusty Hamby
Deborah Hansberry
Gary Hansberry



A Day Away From Hard Life

Erik Swafford
People Editor

What do you call a day where you have the option to sleep late or watch wonderful entertainment such as **The Muppet Babies**? To some people it's paradise but most people know it as Saturday. The one day of the week that belongs totally to them, Saturday is a vital part of most people's lives. Those five long days of homework and stress finally pay off on Saturday. This is the day to catch up on your beauty sleep or just do whatever you want.

"Saturday is important because it's the only time

I have to practice with my band," Neal McElroy said.

To some people Saturdays are extremely important as a day for recuperation after a long, wild party on Friday. It gives them a chance to recover from their wildness. To them, Saturday is the day for them to slip into a brief hibernation. Record hours have been spent snuggled up snoozing in a warm bed.

"I always sleep in on Saturdays because I'm out so late Friday," Heather Camp said.

If you cannot sleep there is always an alternative such as watching Saturday morning cartoons.

These shows aren't very educational but for anybody who watches them they provide a brief escape for the child inside of you.

"**The Muppet Babies** is my guilty pleasure," Laura Davis said.

Some people are robbed of their Saturday because they have to work. These poor people don't get any time to relax, but Saturday still gets them away from school.

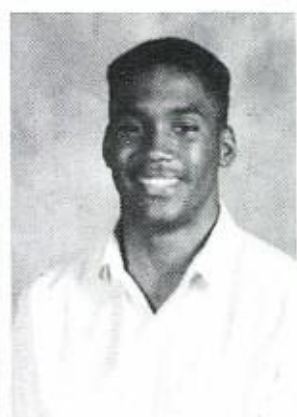
"All I do is sleep and work," Kim Unger said.

Whatever you use your Saturday for, the only bad thing about is that it is only one day.

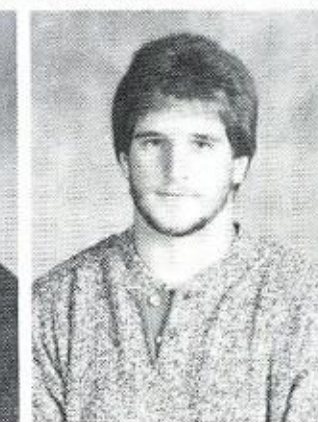
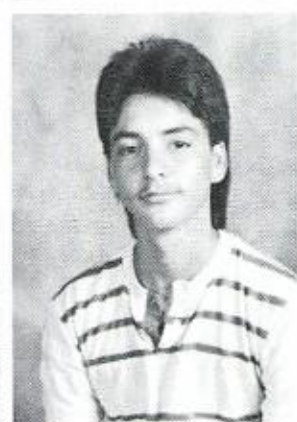




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Kathy Henley



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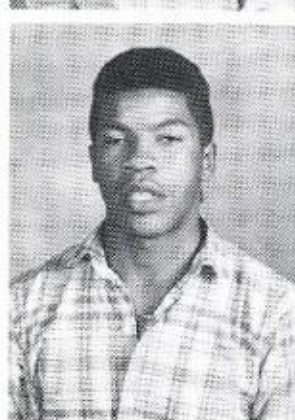
Sonja Dunning and Arlinda Curry have a discussion with Mrs. Bell about an important question in Home Economics class.

Neal McElroy sets up his latest masterpiece for display. He won several awards and honors for his paintings and sculptures.

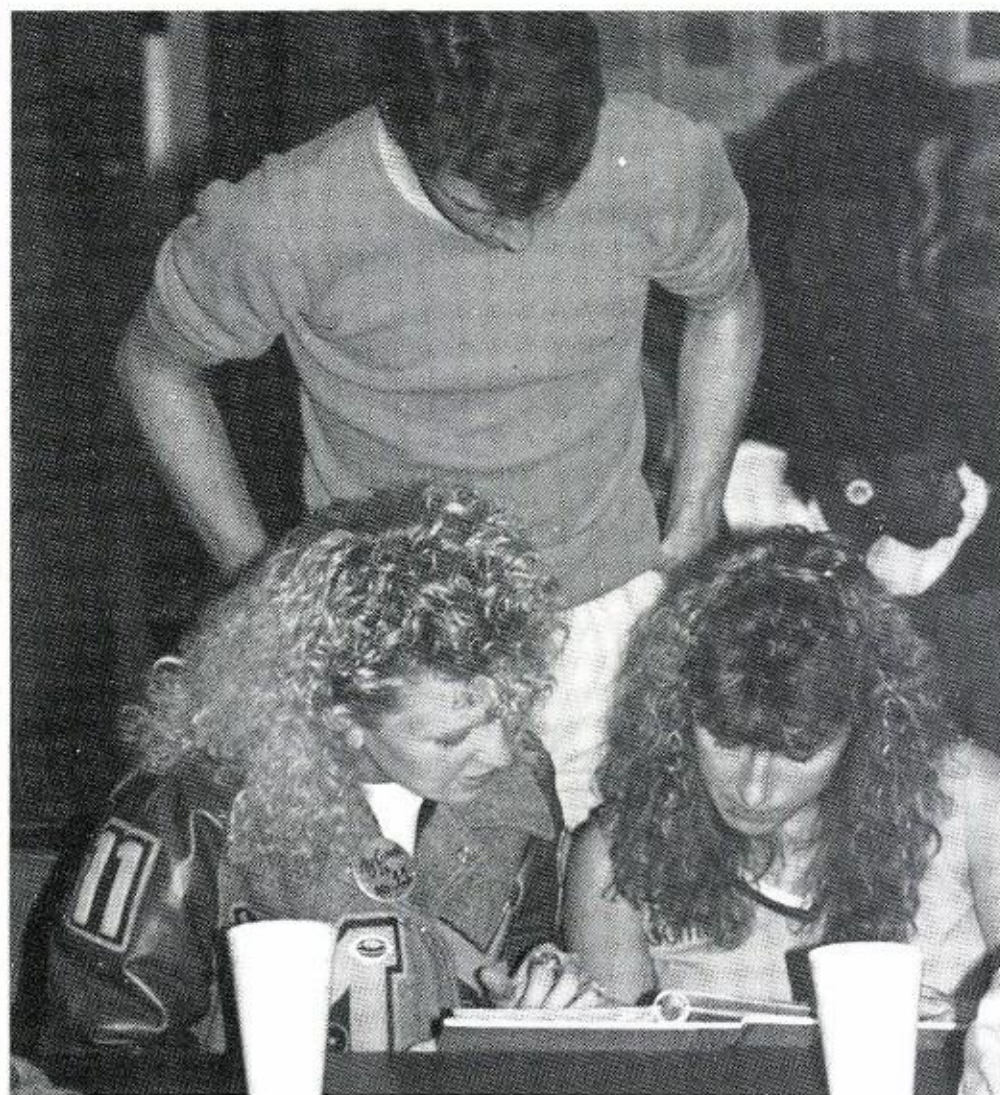
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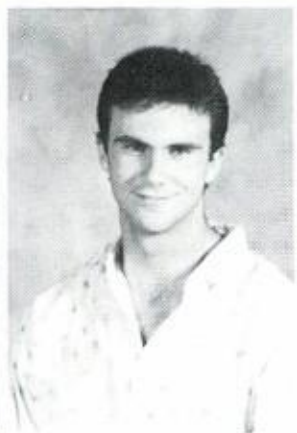
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Carla Wright and Kim Marshall have fun looking through a photo album at lunch while Scott McEntire watches intently.



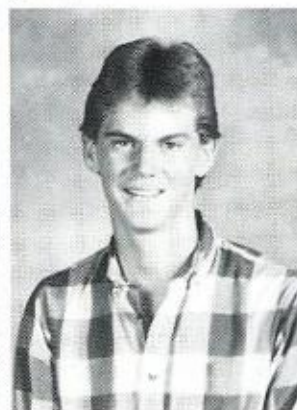
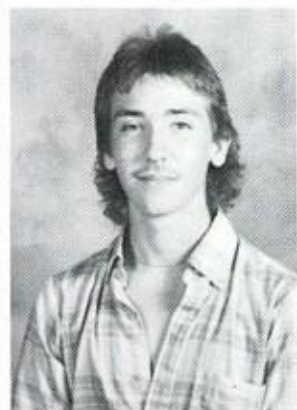
Greg Holmes tries several times to open his locker but he just can't seem to remember the right numbers for his combination.



Marvin Kendrick
Caleb Kerr
Lavonda Kimble
Cheryl King
Denise King



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Shunna King
Paul Kirkendall
James Lawson
Barron Lee



Louis LeMaire
Donnie Lott
Denise Lovett
Lisa Machon
Chris Maloch

When I Graduate . . .

Chad Pifer
Org. Editor

When I graduate I want to be a lawyer, a doctor, or an actor so I can become rich. When I graduate I want to be a teacher so I can boss students around.

These are just a couple common childhood dreams.

"Ever since I was a little kid I dreamed about becoming a professional football player," Caleb

Kerr said.

After graduation many students will continue their education to prepare themselves for the "dog eat dog world."

"After graduation I plan on going to college and take the required classes that I need to prepare myself for law school," Scott McConnell said.

Instead of going to a four year college many students will receive tech-

nical training, while others immediately get jobs.

"Instead of going to college for four years, I'm going to a technical school to learn about computers," Randy Suggs said.

The final year is approaching fast and before you know it, it will be over and done. The question is will those fond childhood dreams become a reality or just pass by.

Kim Marshall
Shane Martin
Thomas Martin
Tiffany McClendon
Scott McConnell



Sheila McCoy
Cathie McCuin
Shannon McDowell
Neal McElroy
Michelle McEntire



Summer Medley
Marlene Michael
Michael Miller
Adrianne Molden
Tina Molden



Mechanical Menace

Keith Wheeler
Staff

Clanking coke machines, whooshing copiers, beeping intercoms. Noisy machines are all around us. They are here to help us make it through the day. Here to help us by giving us more to think about than work. Now we have to worry about other things, like: will my coke come out? Can I get this copied? Will it be boiling or freezing today in English?

Machines are here to assist us and to make our environment more livable. But sometimes these devices don't work properly.

One of the most unreliable machines was the heating and air conditioning system. It became very difficult to predict what the weather would be like in the building.

"I have no idea what is wrong with the machines at school because they never work long enough to find out what the problem is," Tony Foust said.

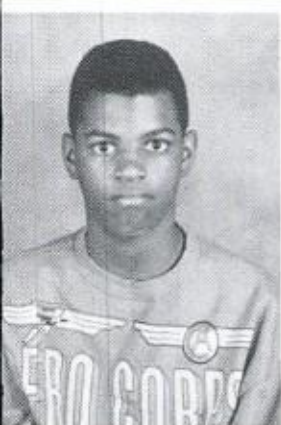
Another machine that couldn't be trusted was the copier. Important for office work, research and other things, the copiers were heavily used. That is, they were used during those rare times when they were working.

"It's important for the copiers to be working. They're very important to the school. But when they're fixed, they don't stay fixed," Scott McIntyre said.

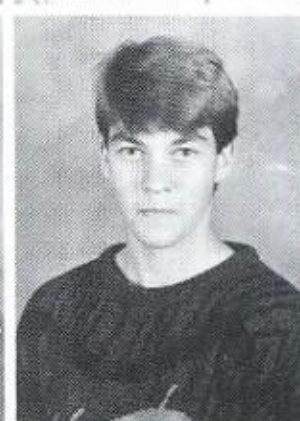
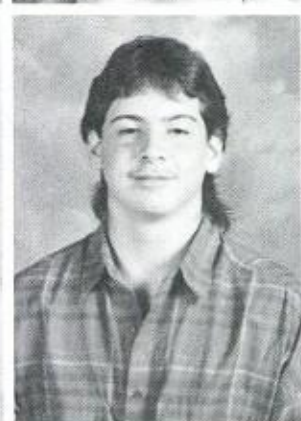
Arguments arose over the drink machines. School policy was that they were not to be operated during school hours, only before or after school. Some students did not like this policy.

"It causes major inconveniences with the coke machines not available to us during school," Caleb Kerr said.

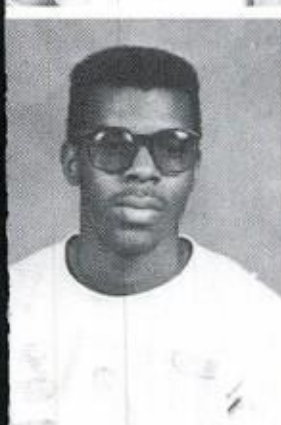




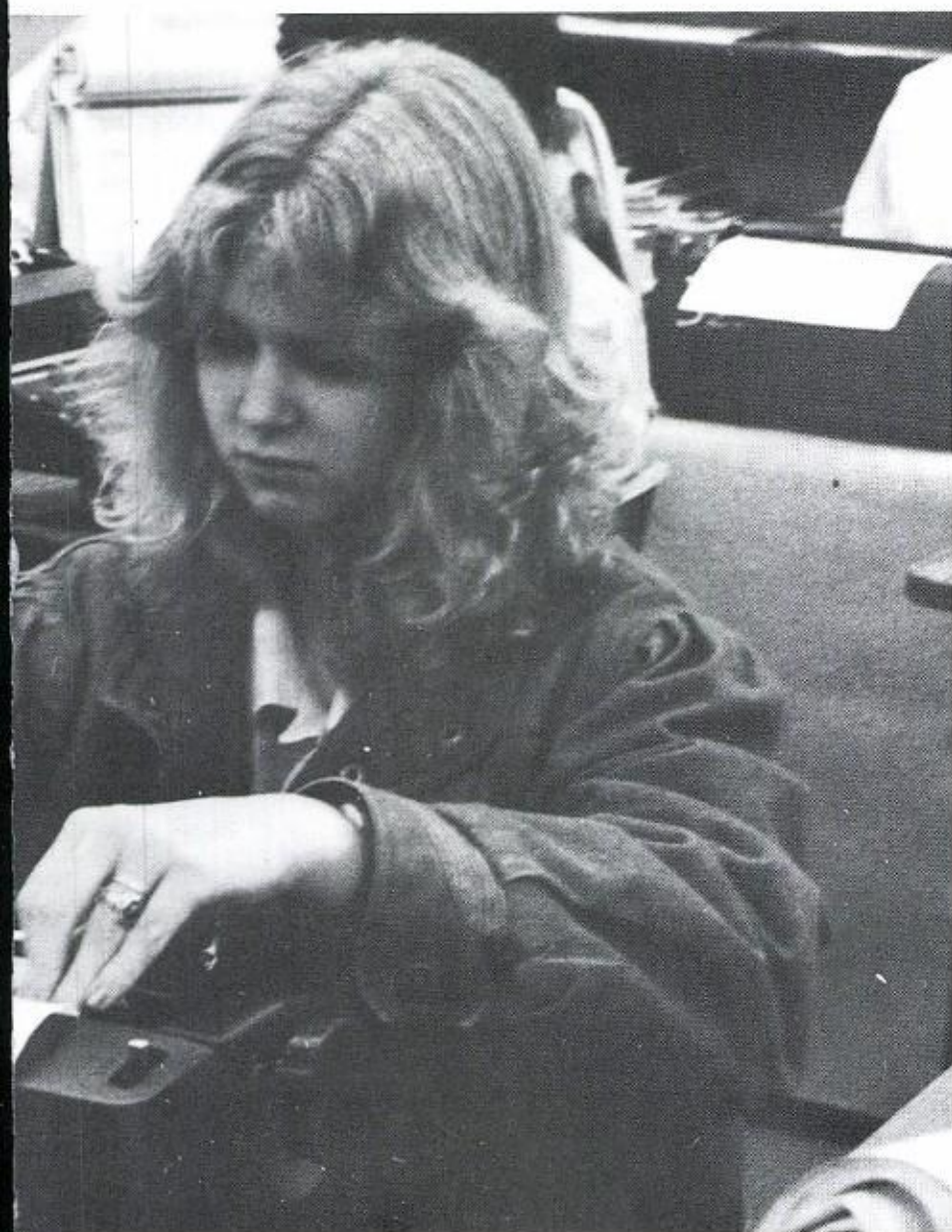
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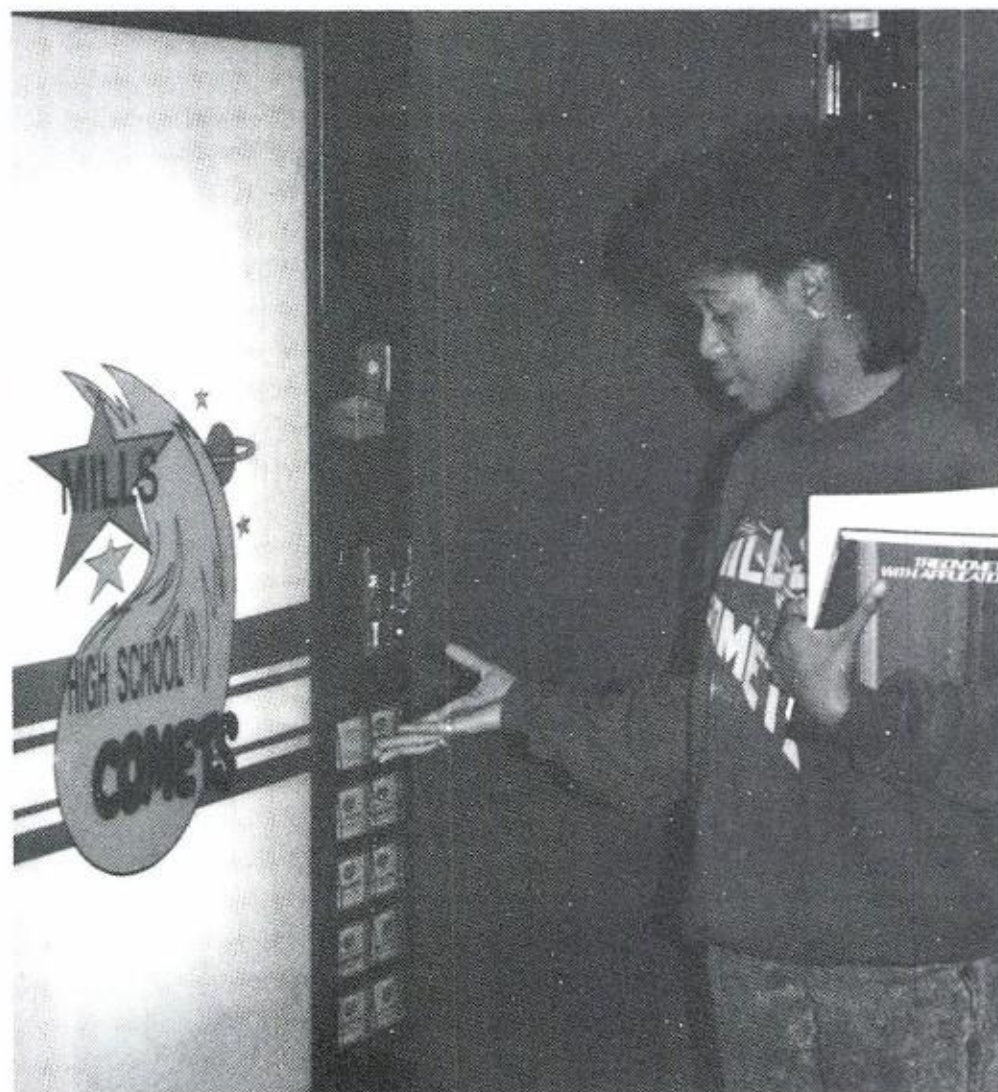
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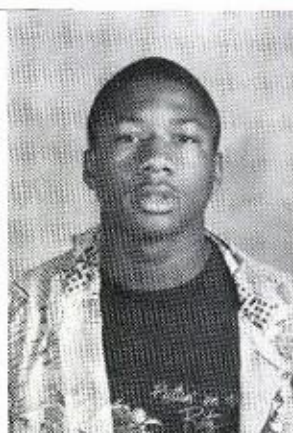
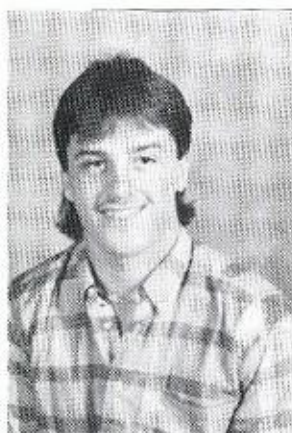


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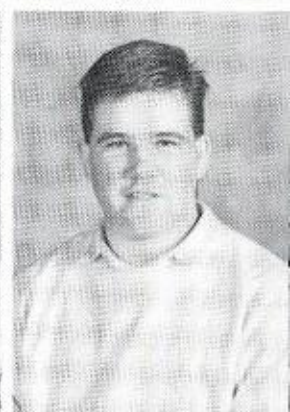
Anne-Marie Keller discovers that typewriters malfunction often. Typewriters are some of many machines that students use around the school.

With books in hand, Deborah Hansberry makes her choice and hopes that the dreaded juice machine will award her the right flavor.

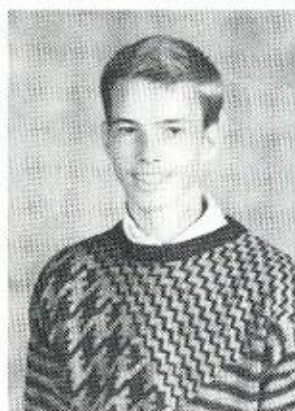
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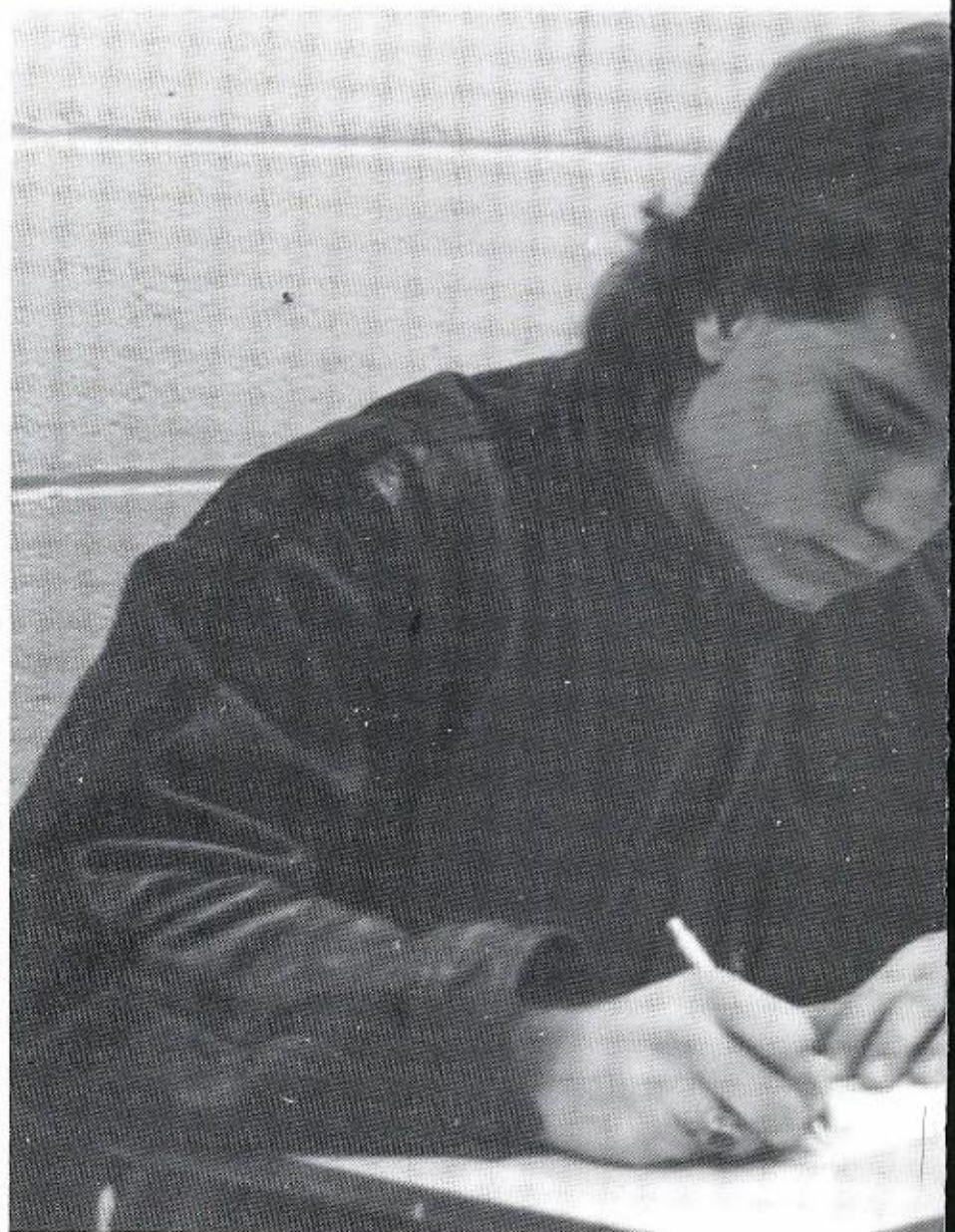
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 Sandy Primm



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Some people can never be away from their fuzzy friends. Shelly Stovall clutches a precious white teddy bear in her arms.

Scott McConnell uses his time wisely as he carefully looks over and completes an examination for one of his classes.





Andrea Rainey
Vincent Rainey
Enrica Randall
Gino Redd
Vernon Rice

Rhonda Ridgell
Denzil Roland
Vic Rosby
Netra Roseby
James Rowell

Shawn Rycraw
Angela Sawyer
Toni Scales
Eugene Scott
Patrice Seville

Fuzzy, Warm Friend

Keith Wheeler
Staff

Personal secrets flow from a hurt heart to a trusted friend. The friend listens, caring greatly. How can a soft fuzzy lump be a trusted friend? It can if the fuzzy lump is in the form of a stuffed animal.

Stuffed animals became many things. For some they were gifts to loved ones. For others they were trusted friends whose

smiles could soothe a broken heart.

"Not only are stuffed animals soft and cute, but they're there when you need a friend," Stacy Watts said.

Stuffed animals also helped fight against boredom. Teddy bears and pink elephants were always ready to be friends. How could an ever-ready friend be passed up?

"If I just want to lay

around and do nothing, I sit with my stuffed animals. They won't disturb me. They're great friends," Tiawanna Glover said.

Sometimes stuffed animals were the objects of collections. For various reasons, they filled the spaces of dressers and hearts.

"I just like them, I don't know why. I collect them and they take up space," Anne-Marie Keller Said.

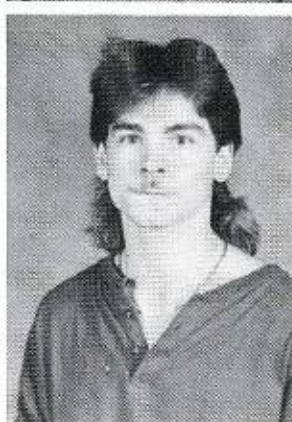


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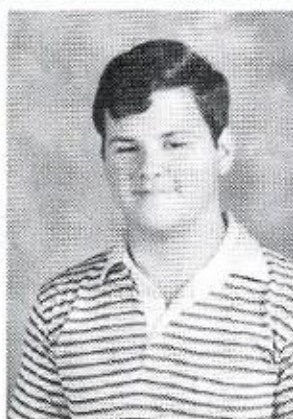
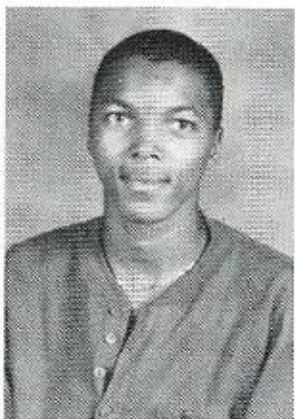
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Carla Stallings
Scott Standridge
Shelly Stovall



The Flashy and the Clashy

Colette Miller
Staff

Fashion is the students way of expressing themselves. The mere names of Guess, Used, Fila, Reebok, and Gucci tell a lot about a person's income, personality, and style.

"I wear Guess, Gucci, and Used most of the time. My clothes don't reflect my personality because I'm not stuck up. They do reflect my style because I like to dress well, and I care about my appearance," Brian Prude said.

Fashion has to start somewhere and that place usually dictates the clothes you wear. Most of

the fashion fads start overseas. Creativity and expression top the list of reasons for different styles in clothing.

"I make my own fashion. All of my outfits have my own personal touch. I'm not told what to do by all those fancy names. I just do what feels like me," Marcy Woods said.

A name makes the biggest difference in clothes. Everything can be exactly the same, but the name can make the price triple. Some people really go for that while other's have no preference.

"I could care less about the name on my behind as

long as the clothes look decent," Derek Mobley said.

It is true that most all designer clothes are quite expensive. Buying clothes at this price often tells others you have a lot of money. Fashions like these are only showing off wealth and no true character and expression.

"I think it's a mask. For a large personal profit, one person in Europe tells everyone else how to dress," Stacy Woods said.

Like it or not, fashion is here and will always be the topic of discussion.

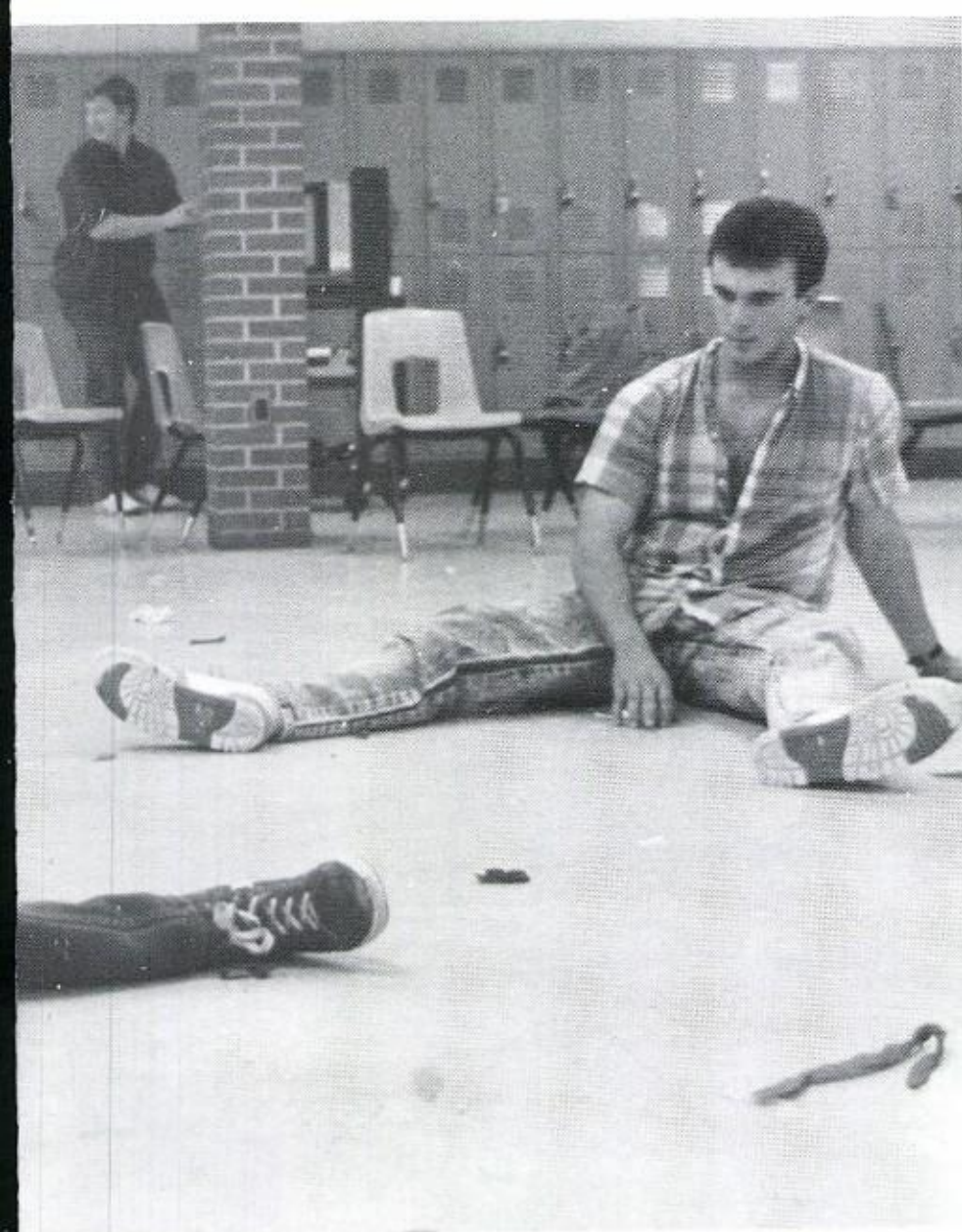




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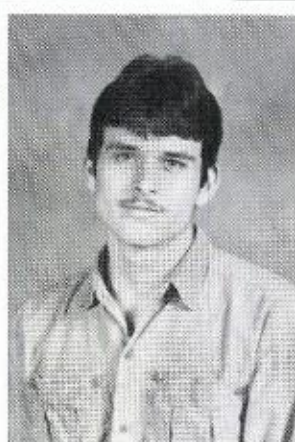
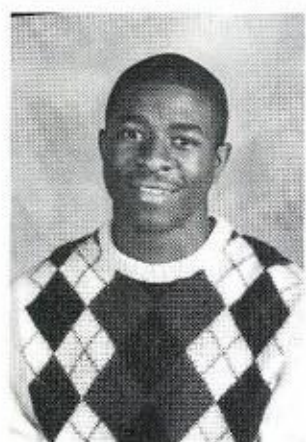


Caleb Kerr is dressed appropriately to play with children. Several clubs sponsored a Christmas party for the deaf children.

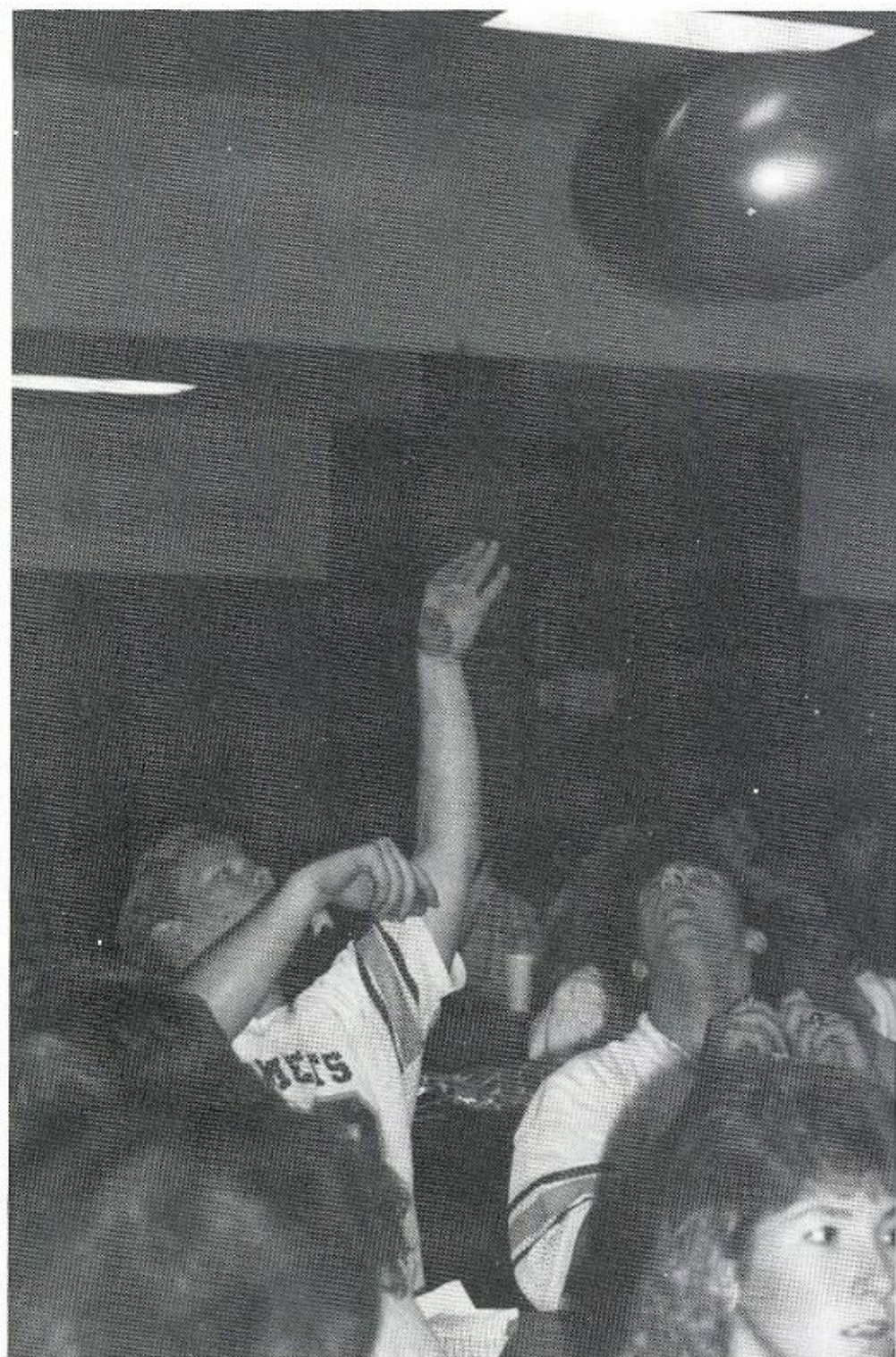


Paul Cantrell sets aside one "flashy" painting in the artroom so he can finish some of his homework for his other classes.

Kevin Ward
Dante Washington
Larry Watson
Tonya Watson
Fifi Webb



Roslyn White
Tracy Whitfield
Mark Whitworth
Caren Williams
Dale Williams



Tony Foust and Caleb Kerr have a playful lunch as they participate in bouncing a balloon around the lunch room.



Chris Maloch practices candy peddling as he pauses between classes to sell some candy to sweet-toothed candy lovers.



Desean Williams
Kaiyam Williams
Kim Williams
LaSonya Winston
Chris Withers

Marcy Woods
Tony Workman
Carla Wright
Melissa Yarberry
Kelly Zeigler

Welcome to Candyland

Erik Swafford
People Editor

Just thinking of all the M&M's, Sweettarts, suckers and other candy in school makes a person sick (all those calories! Ick!). Everytime you turned around somebody shoved a box of candy in your face.

The candy was sold for a good purpose though. Most clubs raised money for various projects by selling this candy. **Comet Expressions** sold Sweettarts and other goodies to help fund the literary mag-

azine.

"Selling candy is the only way we can make money," Lisa Jones said.

The Junior Cabinet is probably the major candy selling group in the school. They sell candy all year. They had those long lasting suckers and candy grams for the holidays. The reason behind all the candy is for them to make money for the prom.

Even if you don't buy any candy at school, there is always a bunch of people who bring their own. Gum is evident everywhere be-

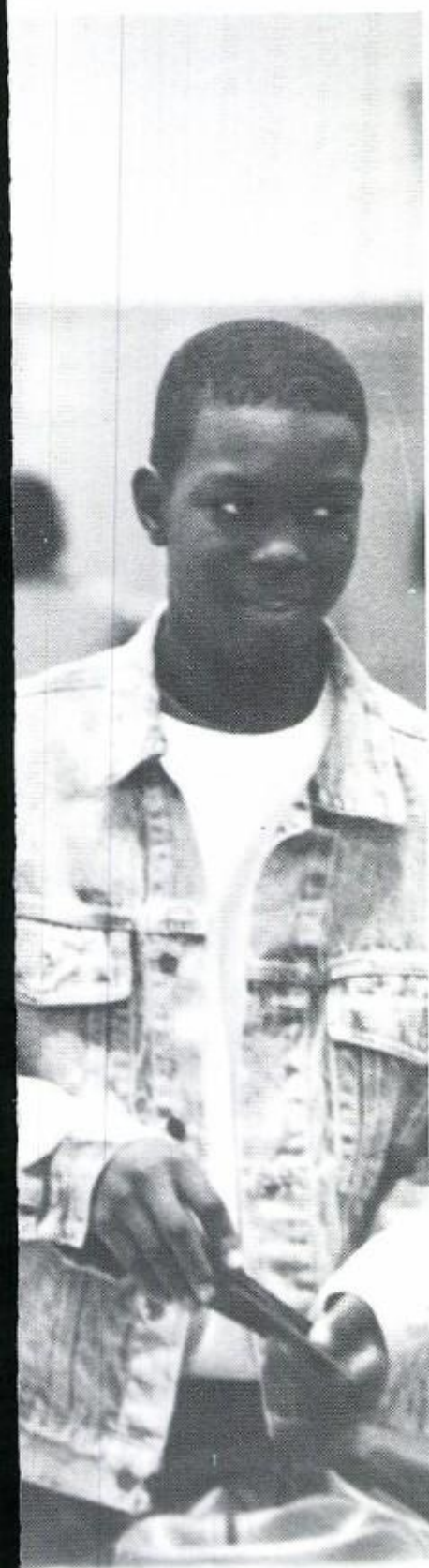
cause it is now legal.

"I'm glad that they let us chew gum, because the candy is too expensive," Tracy Owens said.

On the other hand, the candy peddlers have a lot of responsibilities. They have to keep track of all their candy and sell, sell, sell!

"Sometimes I get really sick of selling candy because we're always selling it," Latese Guillory said.

The candy is there for a reason and candy selling will always out sell cheese and ornaments.



Blurred Moments

Kim Ferrell
Staff

This is a story for the visually impaired only. Viewer discretion is advised. This story contains subject material that may not be suitable for some people.

Ever been accused of having more eyes than any humanoid has ever possessed? Had problems facing the morning because nothing could be seen? Don't have much luck in aggressive sports because of the seeing aids needed? All of these problems seem unimportant to those **few** people left in the world who don't understand what wearing glasses truly means.

"Before I needed to wear glasses I thought I would just get contacts. No big deal, right? Boy, was I wrong! Wearing contacts comes with its own

set of problems, like having to go shopping late at night to find your brand of cleaner that you've just realized you are out of," John Schmid said.

Contacts are for some people, more enjoyable to wear than glasses because of the obvious reason; "Glasses don't leave those little marks on your nose," Renea Blue said.

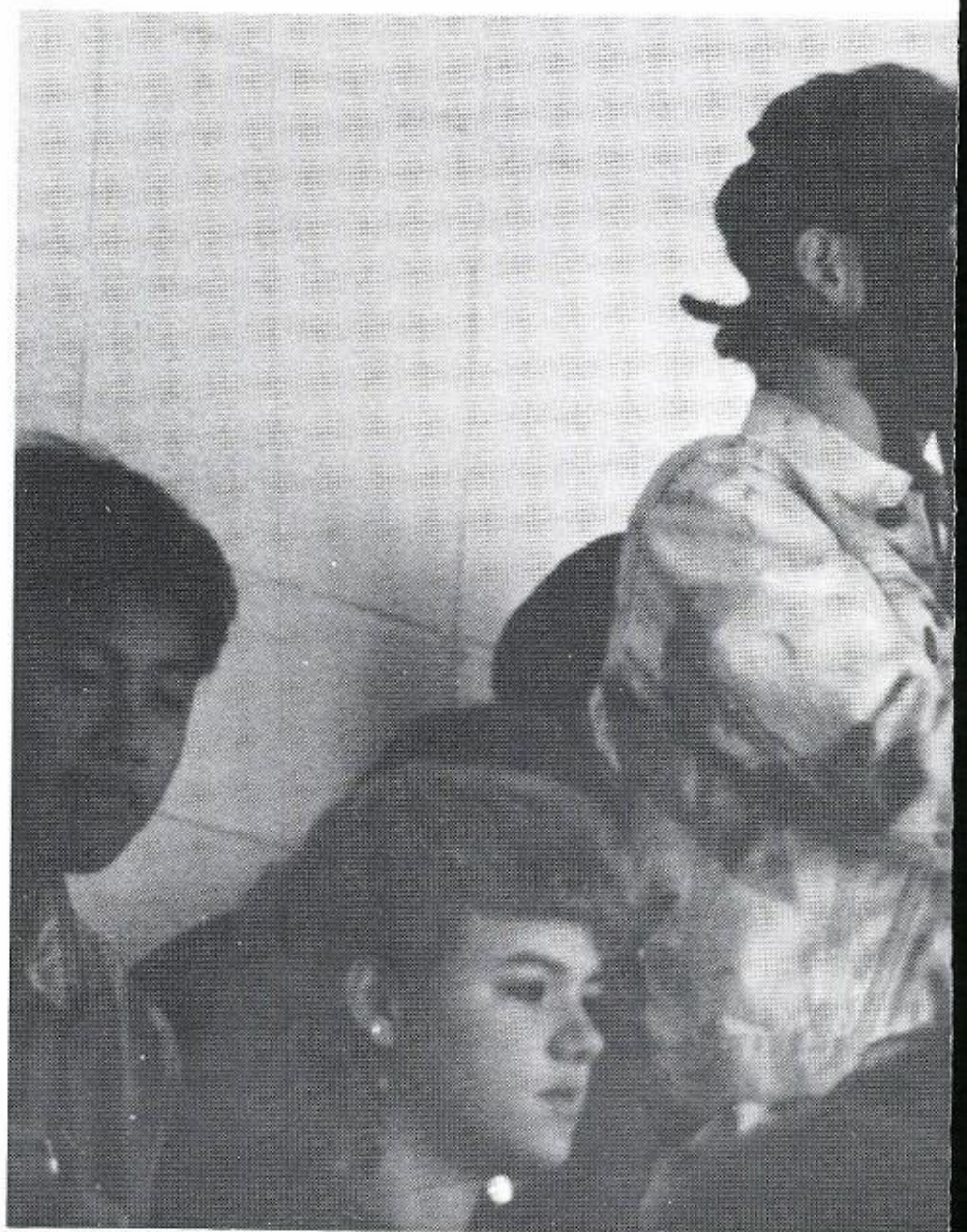
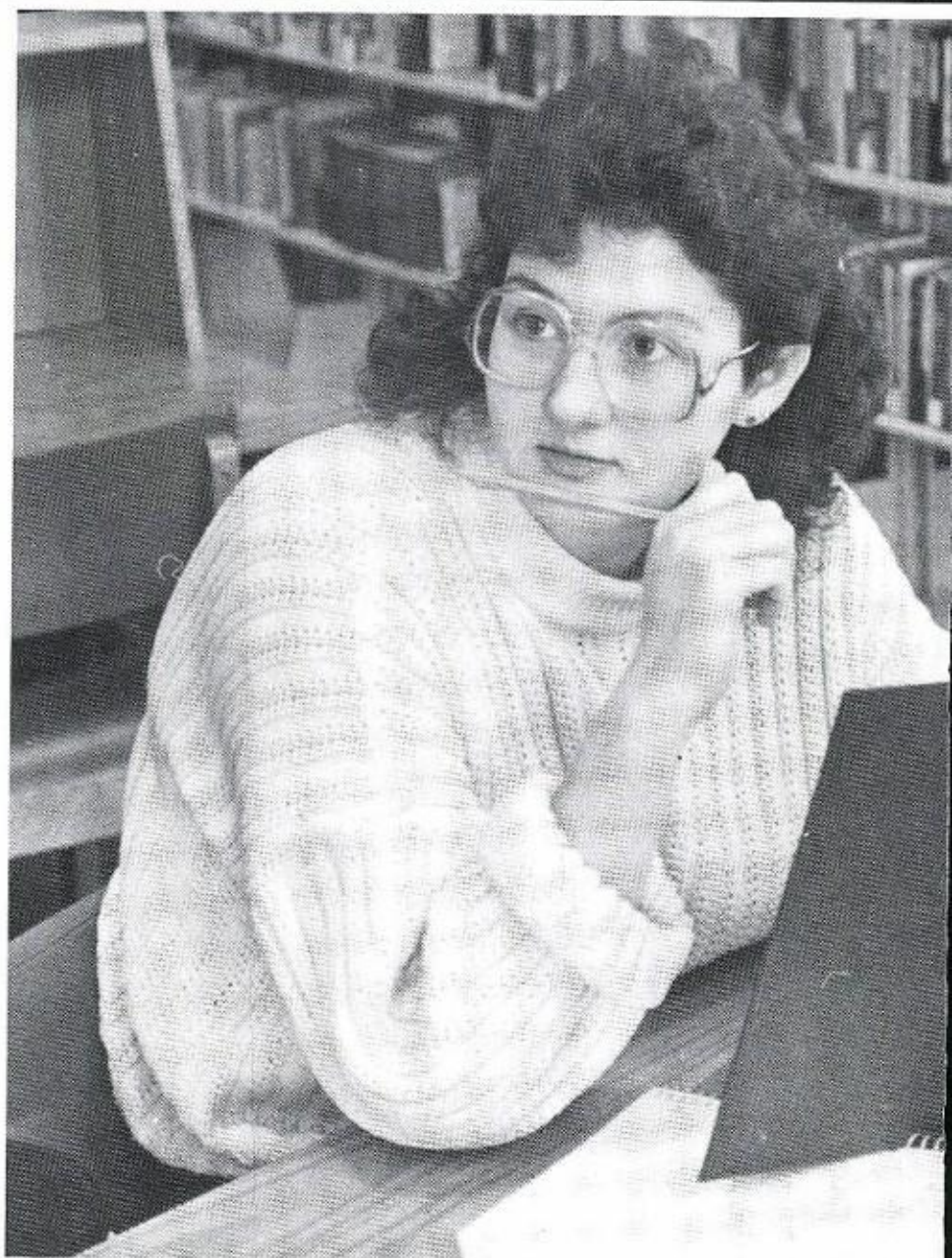
Then there is the fact that not as much caution is necessary with contacts.

"It's not like my contacts are going to fall off," Shawn Thomas said.

There is a very pressing problem that is faced by those who wear glasses.

"Kissing with your glasses on is difficult but kissing someone else who wears glasses is dangerous," Andrea Hood said.

Wearing glasses is, truly as fatal as it seems.

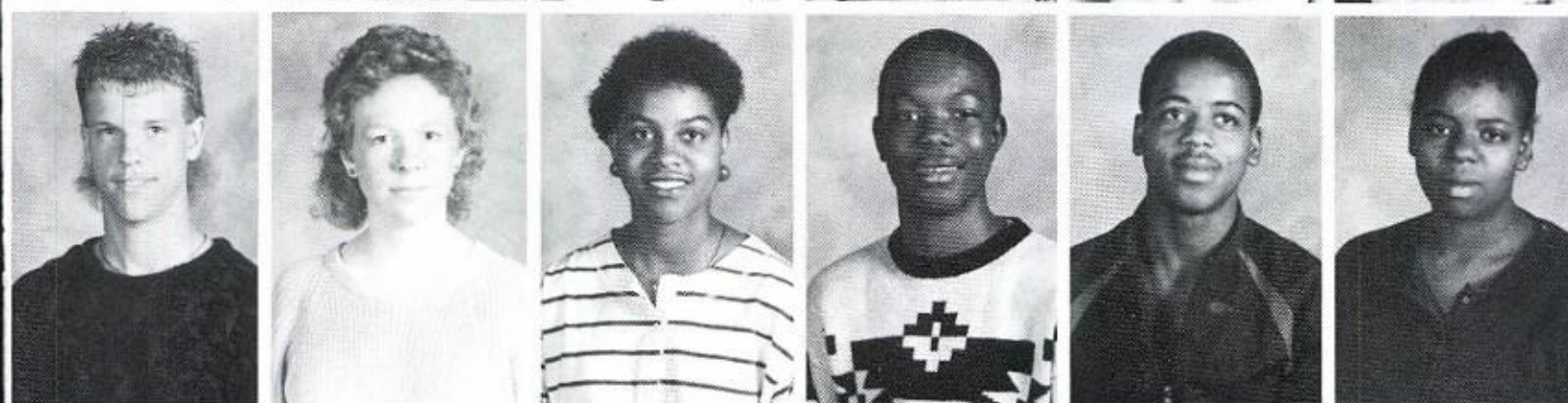


Four Eyes! Kim Ferrell has to wear glasses to see better, but she finds them very useful in studying for tests.

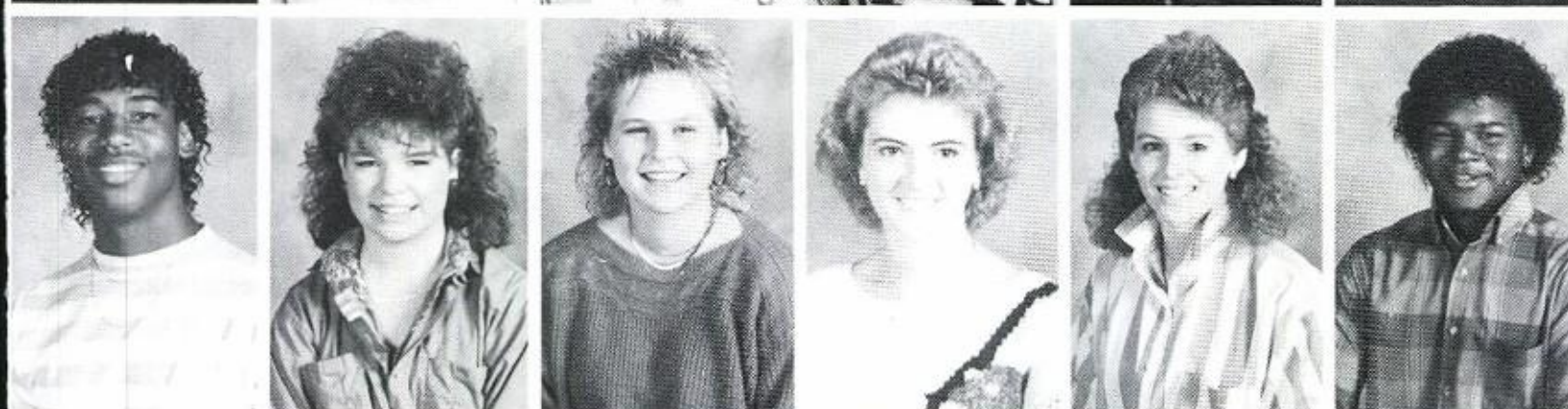
Some sophomores will do anything for attention. During a pep assembly, Tony Francis wears a gas mask to show spirit and gain attention.



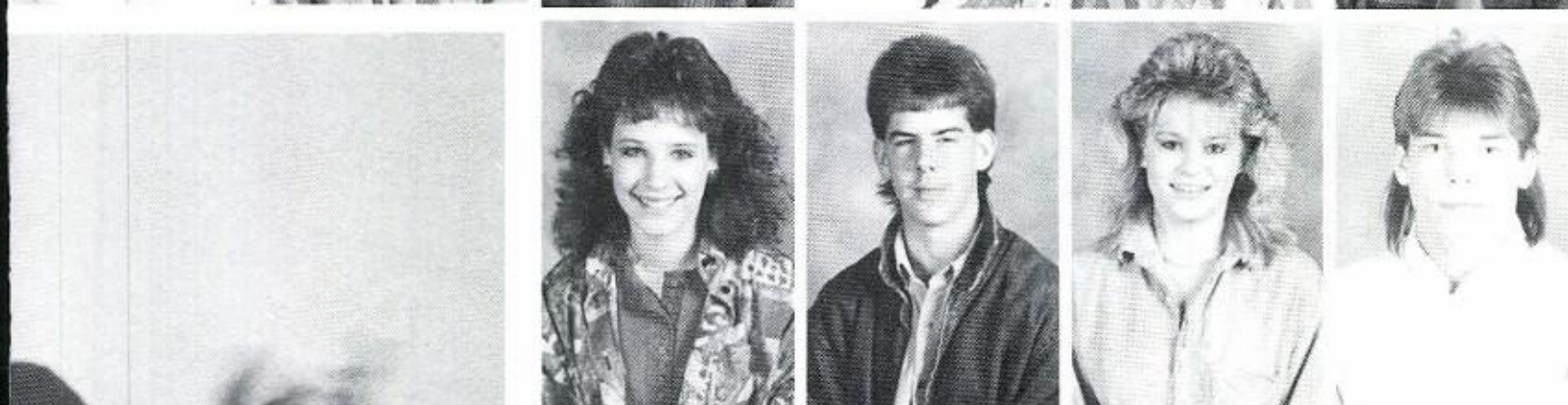
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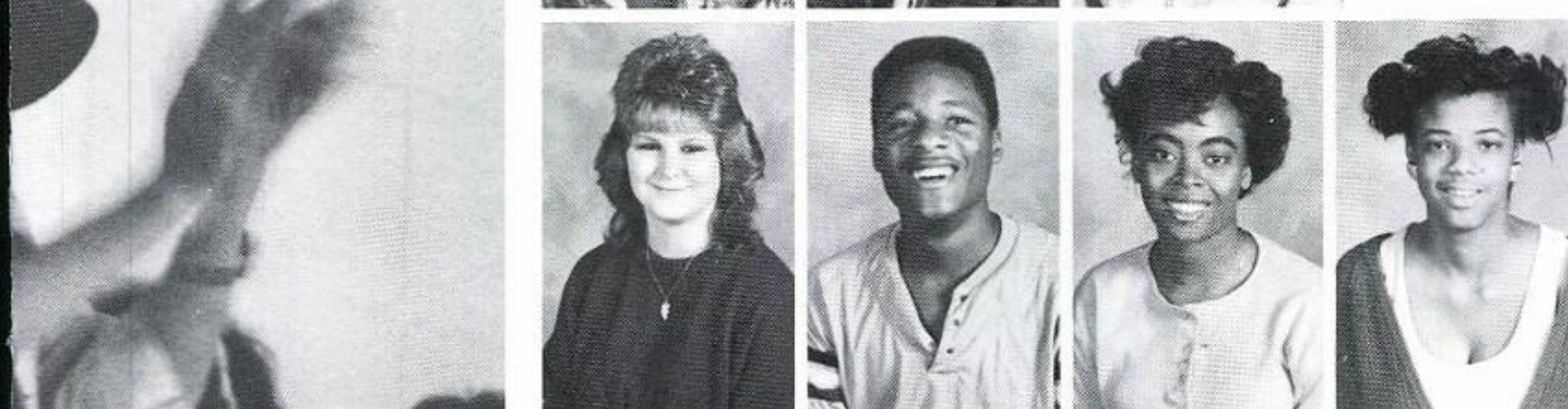
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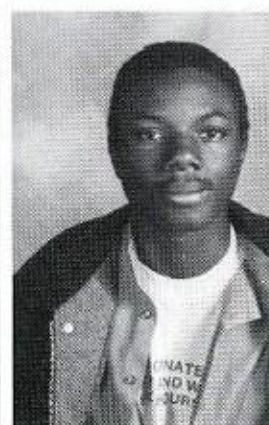


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Jennifer Burris
Marcus Byrd
Gary Cambell
Steven Carpenter



Lynea Cash
Steven Cash
Virgil Cash
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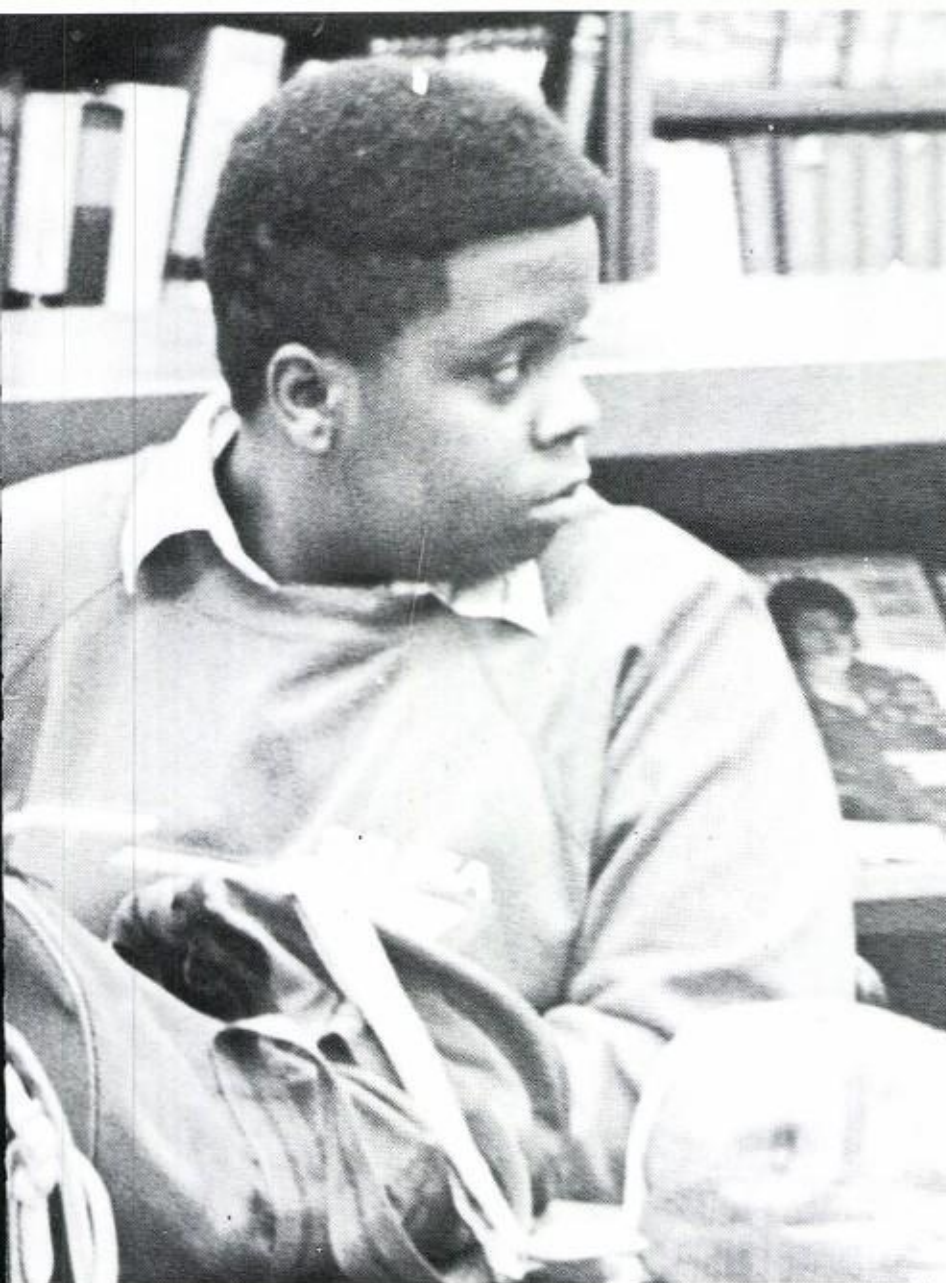


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Tyra Darville





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Lost in the Crowd

Erik Swafford

People Editor

Out of the frying pan and into the fire with no one to protect you from nasty little misfortunes. You are all alone, on your own, time to grow up and face the terror of becoming . . . a sophomore.

It's the first day of school and you can't even find your way to the office let alone your first period class. You find yourself wandering hopelessly through the halls on what seems to be the longest day of your life. You feel trapped, as though you were walking through a maze and every corner seems to lead to a dead end. As the year progresses you begin to know the daily routine like the back of your hand and you begin to adjust to life as a

sophomore.

"It is really different. It offers more opportunities than elementary or junior high. It also enables your thinking ability," Kristi Pierce said.

Even after you've been a sophomore for a few months, it's hard to decide whether the advantages of being a sophomore outweighed the disadvantages.

It is okay to be a sophomore, but we don't get the same privileges or respect that the upperclassmen get," Terri Duncan said.

You have to experience being a sophomore for a while before you finally get used to it, and that first year of school has many ups and downs, but there is no better way to prepare for the next two years to come.

Smokey Misenheimer, like other sophomores sometimes can get lost in the crowd. This crowd marches down to the football field during a power check.

Kenneth Green has no trouble finding his way to the library as he finds a seat and begins to look at a couple of magazines.

Bad Day #287

Laura Miller
staff

You're alone, walking along the seashore just before sunrise. You think you must be in heaven to be so calm and relaxed. Then, suddenly out of nowhere comes this loud, shrieking noise. You think this is surely the end. You begin to run, only to find yourself surrounded by sheets and blankets in your own warm bed with your alarm clock screaming at you to get up.

This is only the start though. Once you finally get up and in the shower, there's no hot water left. After thawing out enough to move, you go downstairs to discover that the jeans you had planned on wearing today are the ones your little brother used to clean up the spilt milk at breakfast.

It's raining outside and your horoscope predicts a

bad day.

"I know it's going to be a bad day when I wake up and my curling iron is broken," Ana Marie Cleveland said.

Deciding on how to handle a bad day or if there really is a way to handle it at all, can be as frustrating as the day itself.

"When I can't find a way to handle a bad day I lose control," Katie Hanson said.

There's really no absolute way to remedy your day. It is really just what works best for the individual. Some go to war, while others go to bed.

"I don't handle them at all. I just yell and scream at everyone," Tony Francis said.

So next time you wake up face down on the pavement, be thankful. At least it's not the end of the world. Right?

Tony Francis is definitely having a bad day because his make-up won't dry fast enough as he prepares to film a scene in a TAG student's movie.

A sophomore collapses on her desk after a long day at school. School drives many students to sleep when they get home.



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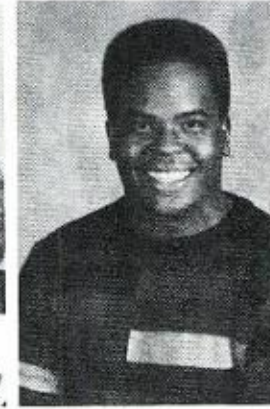
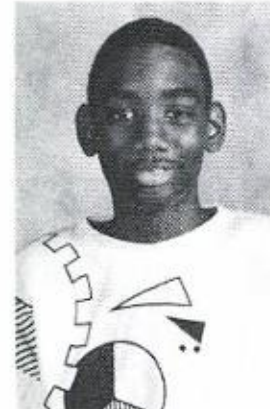
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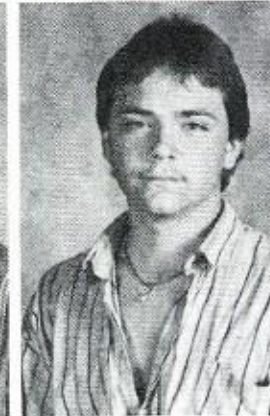
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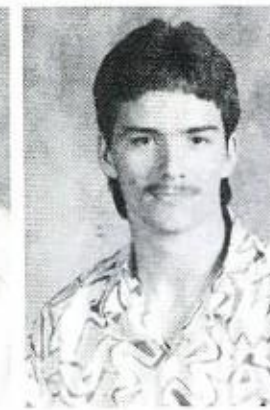
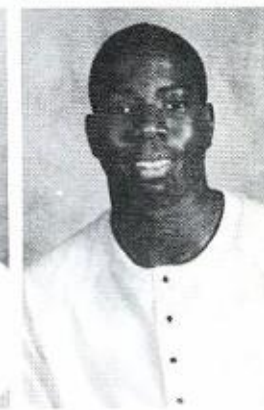
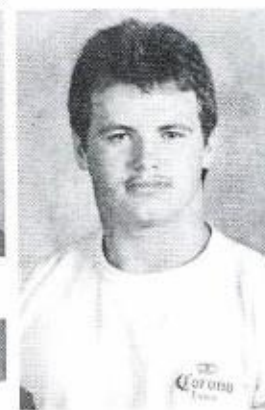
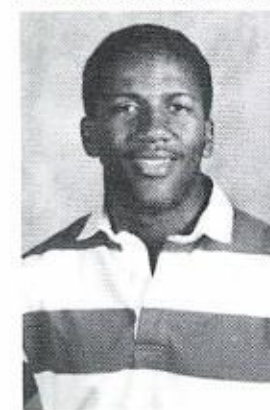
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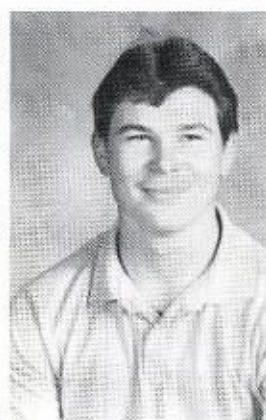


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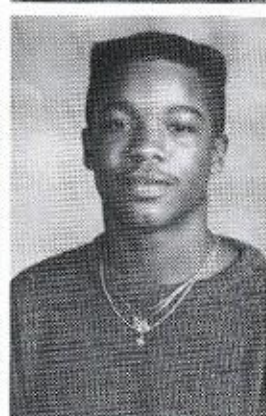


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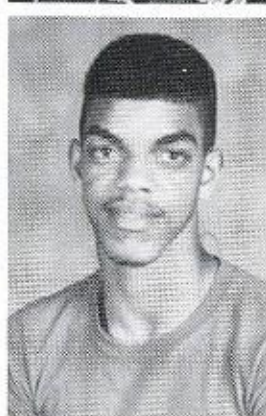
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I've Been Caught!

Laura Miller
staff

The big, fat, red zero usually accompanies a test paper that was copied. And if pretty lucky. Depending on what type of test you were caught cheating on and how many previous times you had been brought in for questioning on this offense, you could get five days suspension. But it's for sure you'll get life on your record. Your school records show every offense you have committed.

"I felt so sick when I got caught cheating in sixth grade I had to go home," Leann Adams said.

Despite being condemned or disapproved of, students still continue to cheat. Some students don't seem to be con-

cerned about the consequences that follow their actions.

"I love it!" said Ricky Hall.

Teachers shared some of the ways they've seen students cheat. 1. answers taped on the back of sunglasses. 2. answers on a piece of paper inside a clear ink pen 3. answers on a piece of paper inside a hat on the desk 4. answers written on the crystal of a wrist watch.

"Someone once wrote the answers on a piece of paper, rolled it around a cigarette, and then dropped it on the ground beside them," Mrs. Wilcox said.

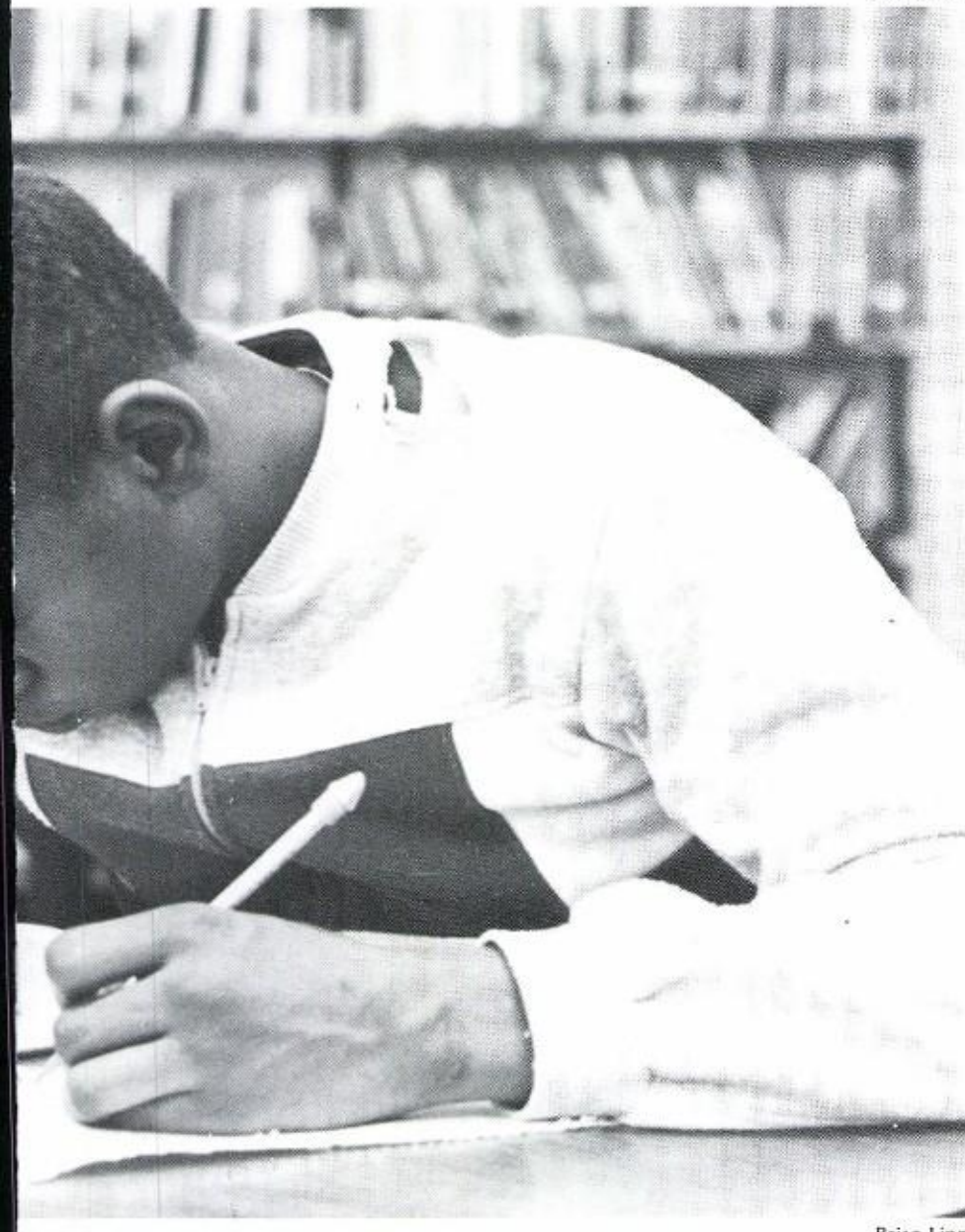
So if you've been on a cheating binge, take heart and go on a guilt-free studying diet.

This student realizes that cheating isn't the only way to get by on tests because he's discovered that studying will help.

There really is no way to cheat in Home Economics, so this student contends to do her work by finishing to sew a piece of clothing.



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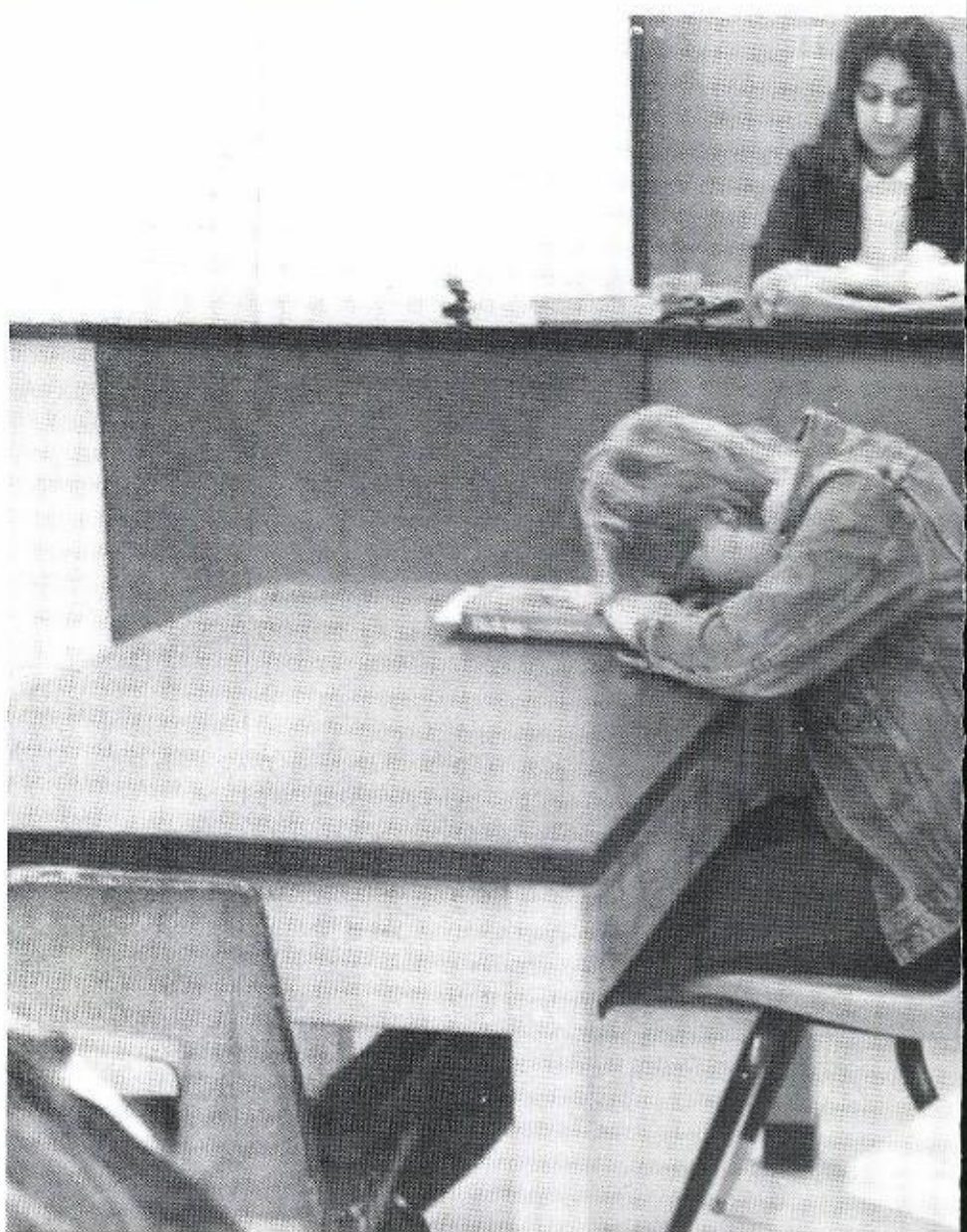
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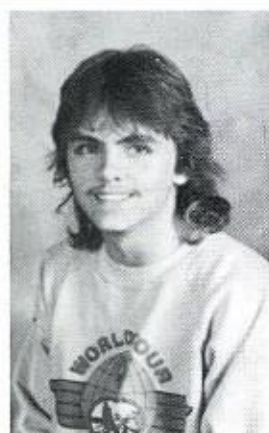
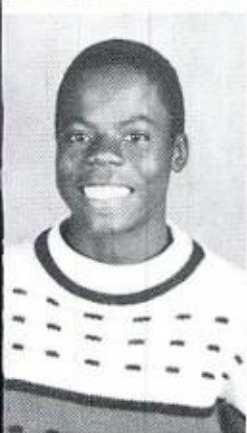
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People Editor

"It is hard to stay awake

Finally, the bell rings and you yawn as you prepare to go to your next class. Then, you realize that there are no more classes for the day. You get on the bus, go home and go to
ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ . . .

Augh! The pressure! One student finds the best way to cope with homework in Mrs. King's Biology class is to sleep.





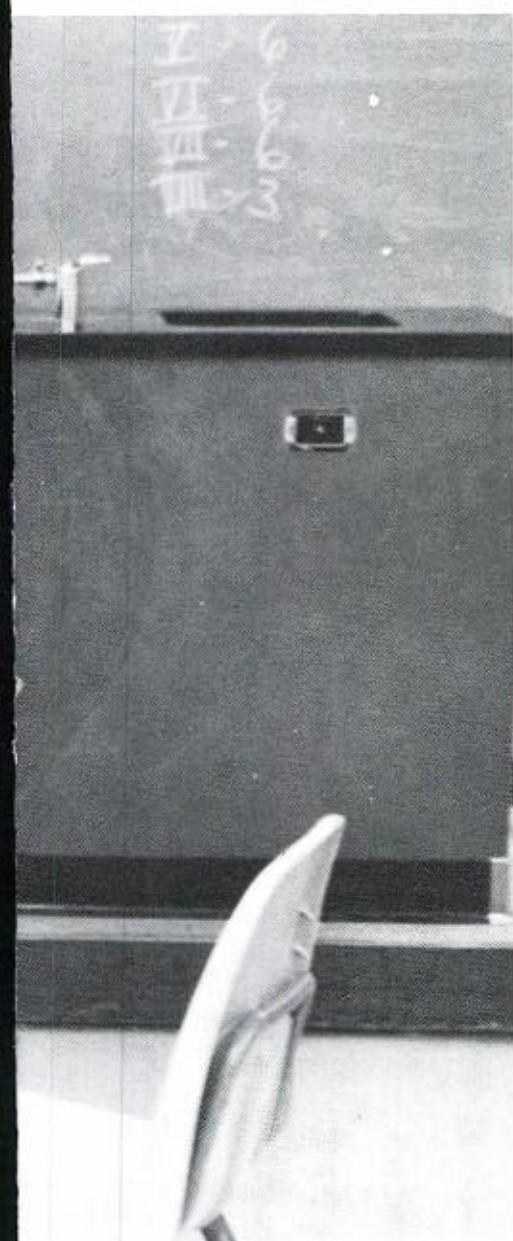
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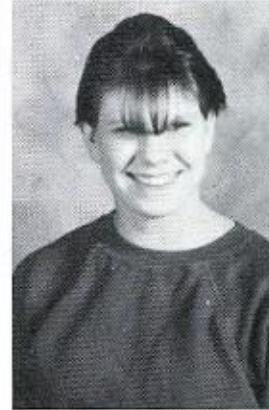
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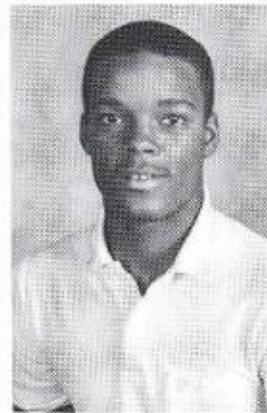
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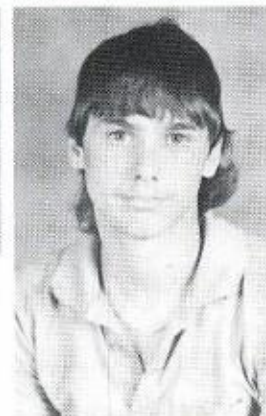
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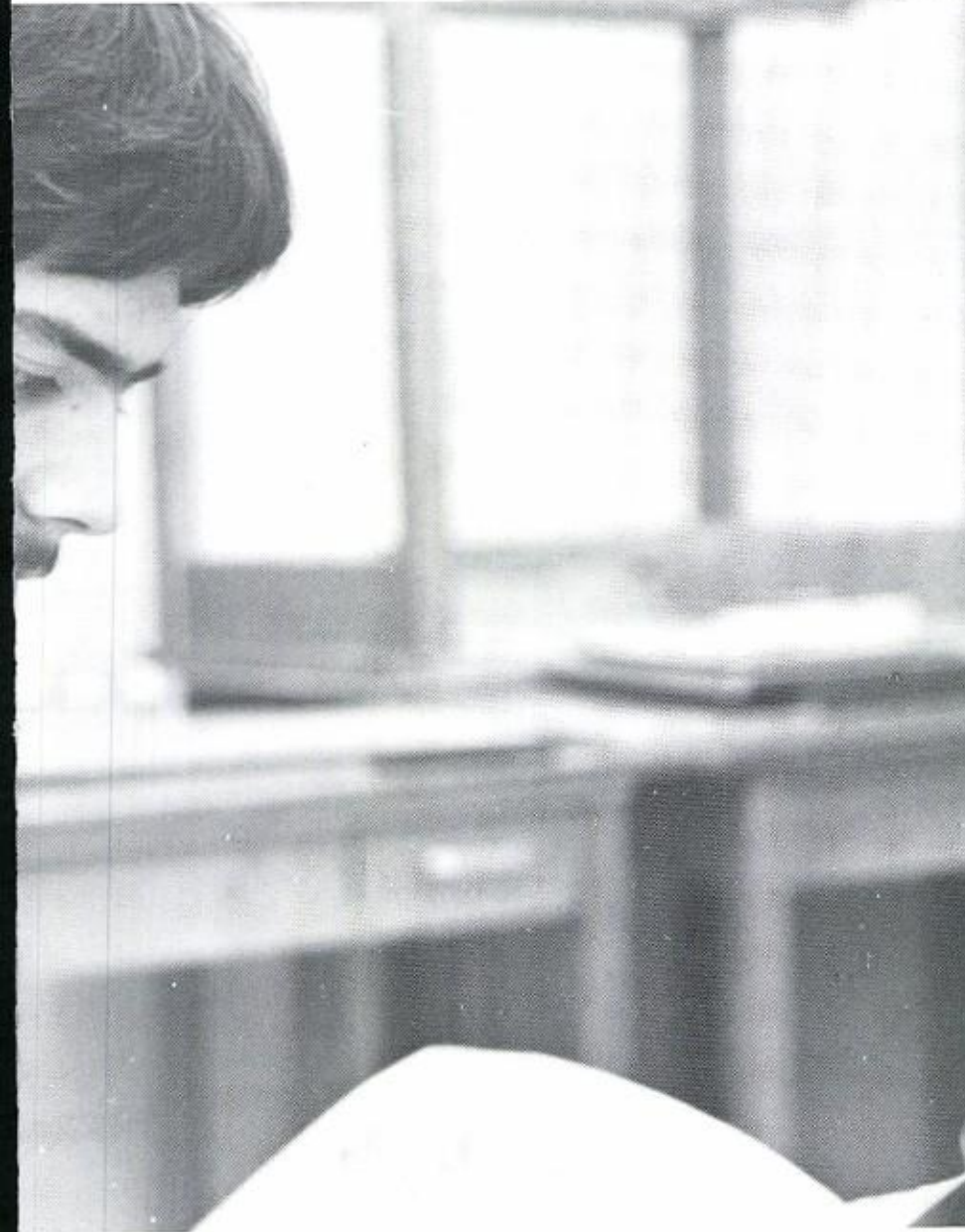


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As you drift deeper into that peaceful slumber of sleep and the world slides further and further away your peace is suddenly shattered by a horrid noise. "Honey, phone," says your mom. "What's a phone?" you think as you turn over and try to go back to sleep. Suddenly you hear your door being flung open, "Will you get up and get the phone!" You jump up thinking, "Oh! That phone!"

Everything from Mickey Mouse to Darth Vader has been made into telephones. With colors rang-

ing farther than the limits of the rainbow; various companies have made sure that there is something out there for everyone. When it comes to telephones the digits are still coming in, but surely they are here to stay.

"My dad says that I'm on the phone all of the time. I'm not - just when he wants to use it," Tammy Rhodes said.

"My parents freak out every month when the phone bill comes. They just don't believe that I know someone who lives in Ohio," Monica Stevens said.

David Hartsell listens to his headphones while looking over several brochures for TAG activities and projects.

The telephones are constantly used everyday for students to call their parents or a boyfriend or girlfriend or therapist.



Brian Linn

Susan McIntosh and friends have no need for a phone when they get together; they talk about major things at school.

Just Passing By

Erik Swafford
People Editor

They are nothing but little pieces of paper but with just one you can go anywhere you want. Wouldn't you like to have one? Well, you can because they're available everywhere. There is one thing you need to render it effective . . . a teacher's signature. What is it? A hall pass.

A hall pass is used for everything. You can go to the bathroom, the office, the counselor's office, the library, another classroom, or even your locker! It's all a matter of convincing the teacher that you need to go to that certain destination. You have to plan your strategy. First, you need to formulate some kind of reason to go to the place. For instance, if you want to go to your locker, say something like, "I forgot my book."

If you want to go to the counselor's office say, "I

need to change my schedule."

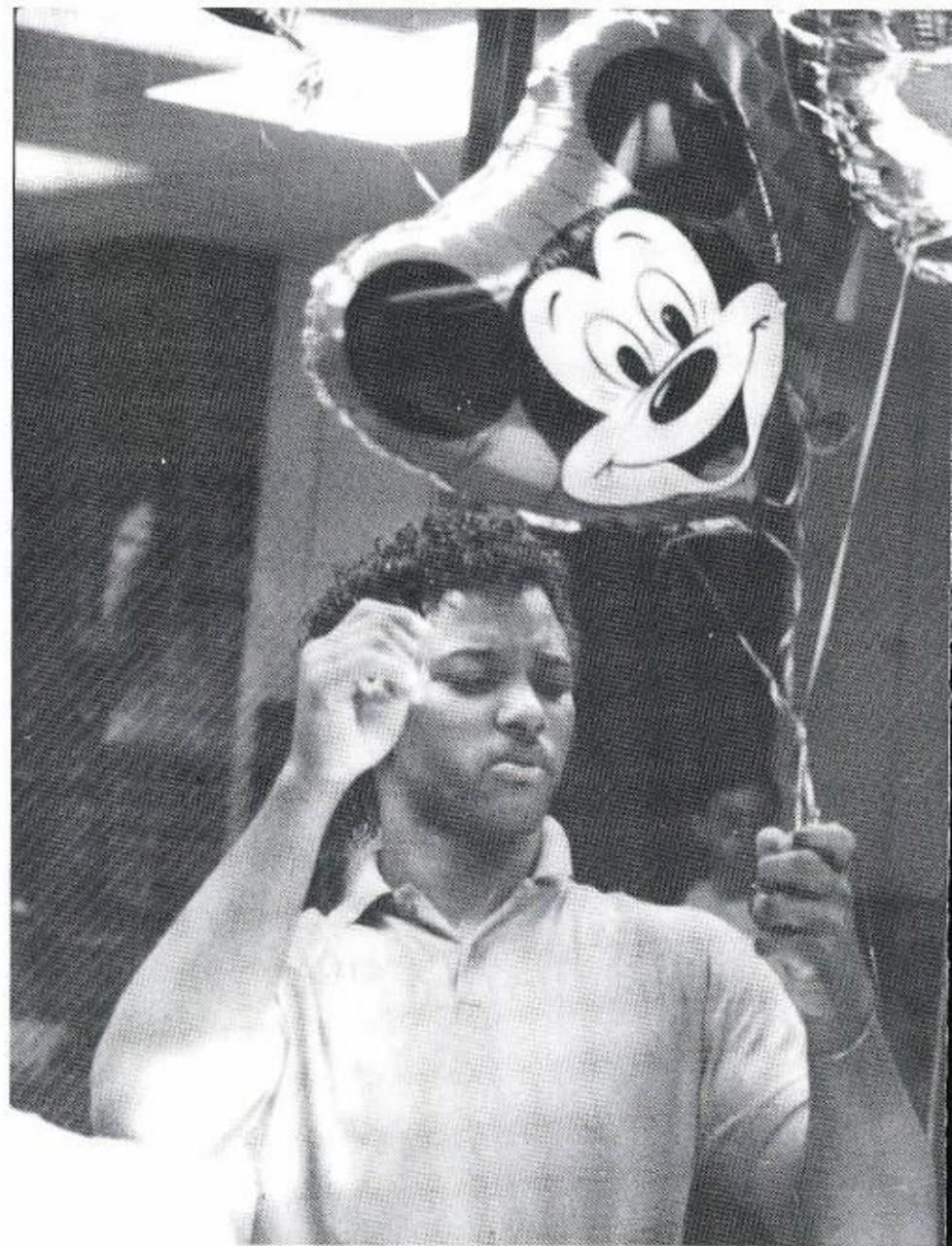
Providing that you get by the first part, you're set. You have to remember to be polite to the teacher though because you may need to do this again. Once you're out of the room there are two important things to remember: First, always remember to keep your pass out in case you are stopped. Second, and this is very important, beware of Mr. Barnes! If you are caught, it's all over. You may as well forget your social life and everything that's fun because you're up the creek.

"Mr. Barnes is strict about passes, but if you don't have one he gives you a warning," Mike Hamil said.

If you're looking for danger and maybe a little excitement, go ahead and try to get a hall pass but remember to be careful when you use it.

This student doesn't need a hall pass while he's delivering some balloons to some lucky student with a big surprise.

Brothers Lang and Steven Kirshberger may need to find a special pass to get this sheep into the school quietly.

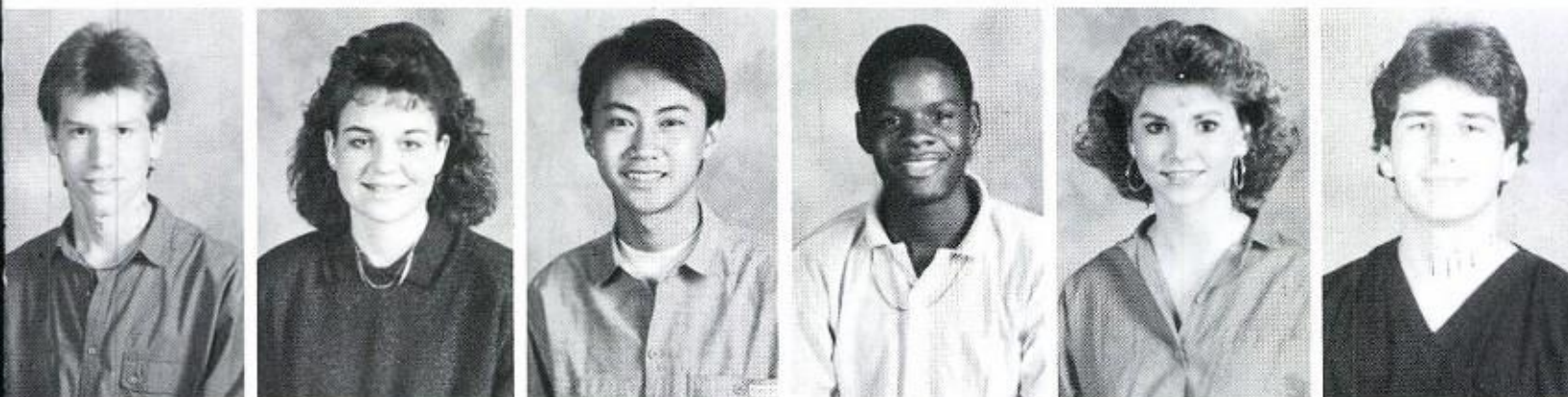


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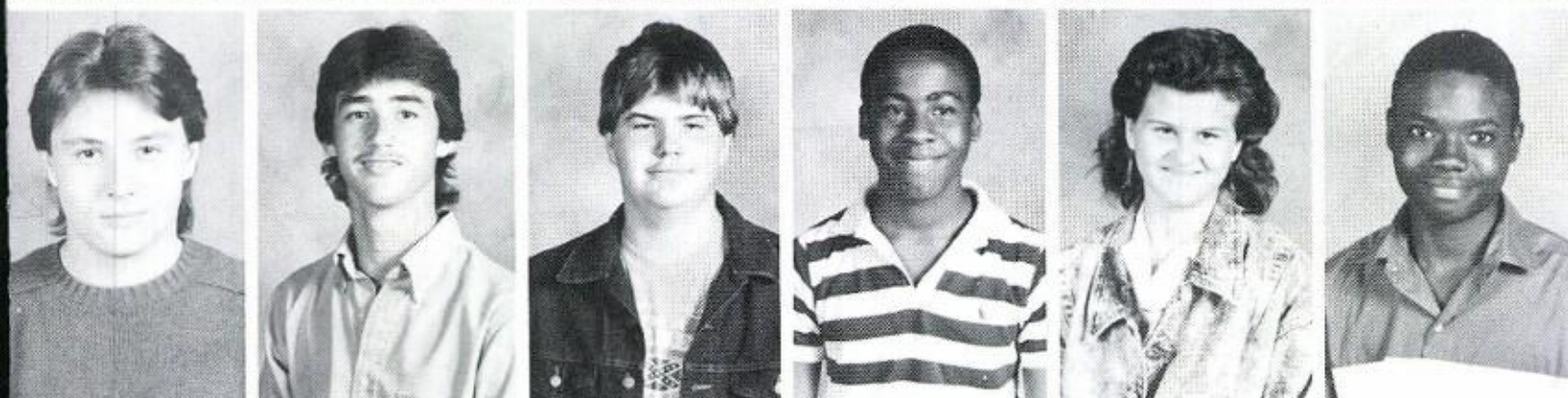




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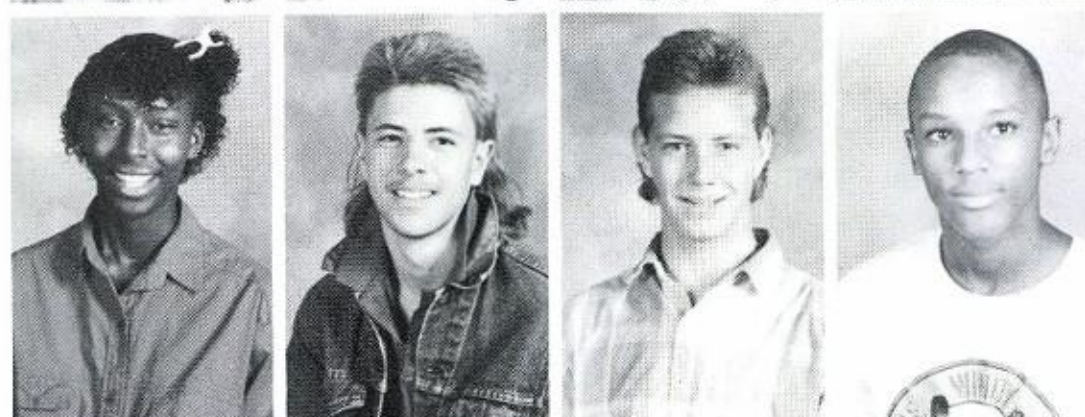
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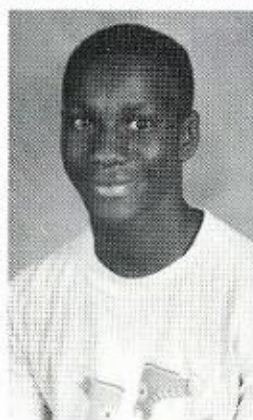


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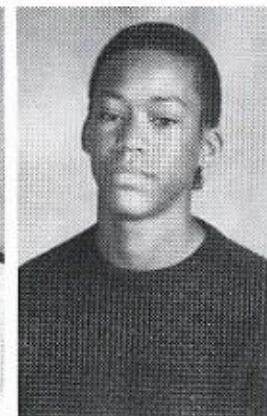
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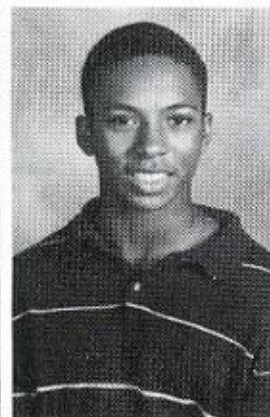
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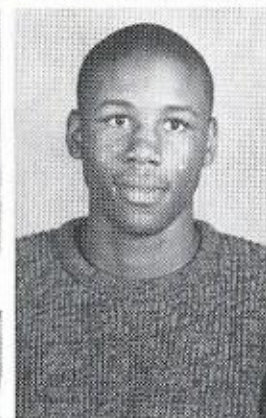
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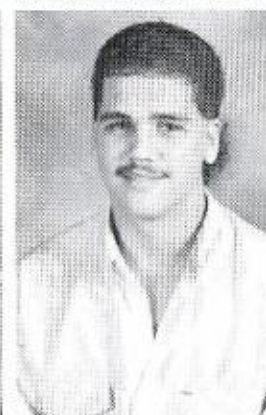
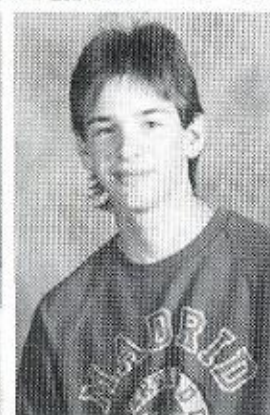
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Rest in Peace

Keith Wheeler
staff

Ah, to get away from the stress of grades and homework and be truly free to relax the mind and body. To go far away to a quiet place where life is simple and where there are no fire drills to interrupt conversation.

Is this a dream? Maybe, but this idealistic place existed in students' minds as they spent time relaxing. Relaxing that would take one away, even if only in mind, from the worries of the world.

"I like to ride bikes to relax. When I ride I get away from everyone and I'm in my own little world," Steven Kirshberger said.

But what makes relaxation? It's not merely doing what one enjoys. As important is the atmosphere in which things are done. The sights and sounds must be just right.

"I've got this tape for relaxing. It has different sounds, like waves in the ocean. I'll listen to it and meditate," Albert Thomas said.

School and responsibility caused some of the stress that called for needed relaxation. It became an important part of relaxing to get as far away from these responsibilities as possible.

"I can relax doing anything as long as I'm away from school," Stefani Thomas said.

Billy Waid and a teammate are quite ready to take a long break after a long and strenuous football game.

This student is dressed up and ready to relax. Several students dressed up in "jammies" during Homecoming week.



Brian Linn



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Let's GO Shopping

Erik Swafford
People Editor

Oh! How can you stand it!! You stand outside "the limited" with your eyes glued to a certain unique dress and the only thing that stands in the way of your owning it is your will power. The struggle inside you comes to an end as you quickly turn your head away because you know if you had gone in, you would have been tempted to buy out the store. Defeated, you walk to the next store in which you see just the most beautiful pair of shoes you've ever seen. In agony, you turn away and rush to the next store. You stop and begin to tremble as you look hungrily at a beautiful pair of diamond earrings. No, no, you can't look! You run out of the mall and take a deep breath as a smile appears. Satisfaction.

Does this scene sound

familiar? Do you find yourself in this situation frequently? Maybe it's not your typical shopping spree, but some girls have had similar experiences.

"It's like a nightmare! I hate it when I don't have any money and all I can do is look," Kim Prince said.

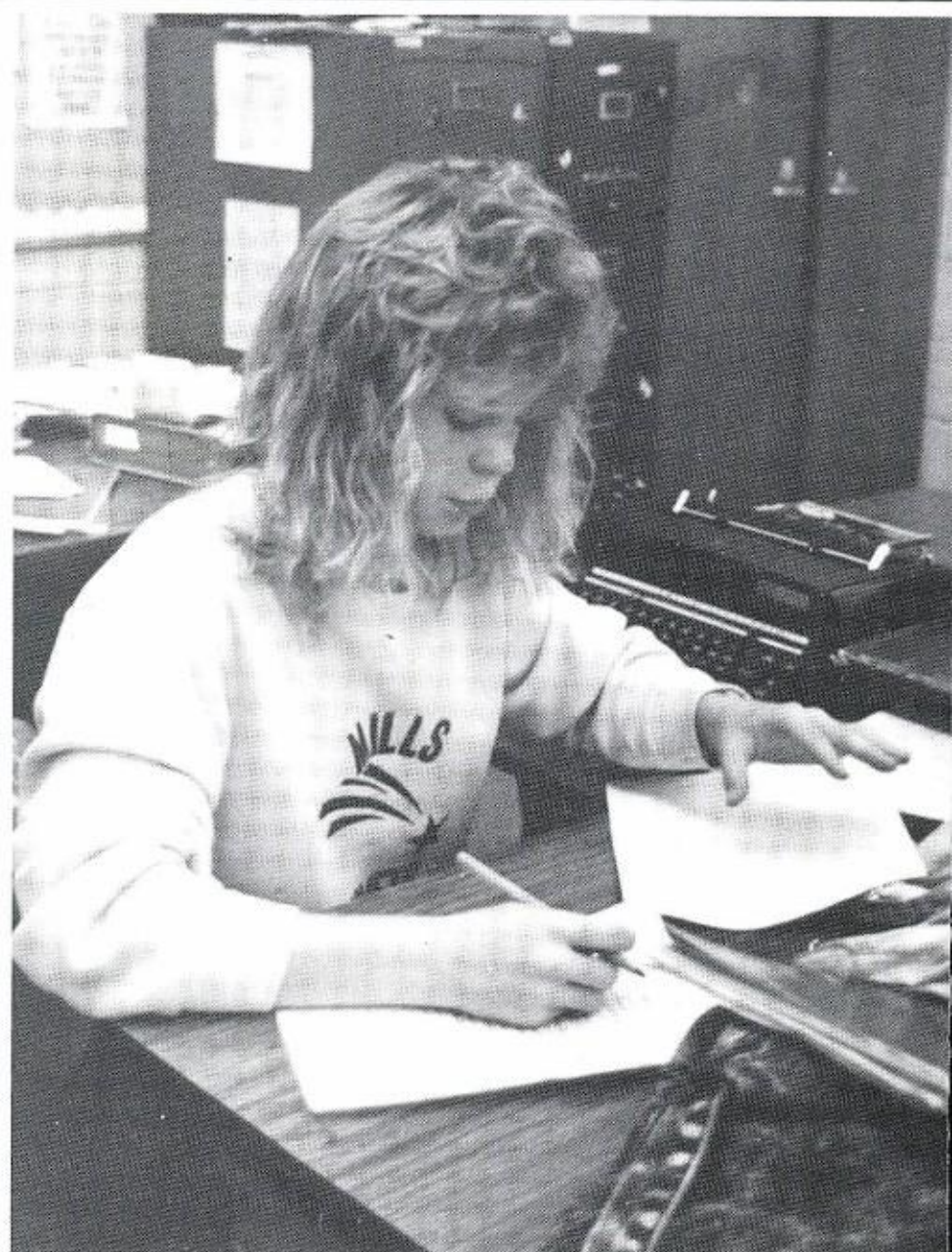
The shopping craze is not restricted only to girls because some guys get caught up in it.

"I don't go shopping that much, but when I do I always buy something," Keith Harris said.

It's a disease that never goes away. Some people are born with it. There is no Shoppers Anonymous that can help you overcome this disease. Doctors are baffled by it and they are convinced that there isn't and never will be a cure for it. So, there's only one logical way to control this disease. What is it? To Shop! Shop! SHOP!!!!

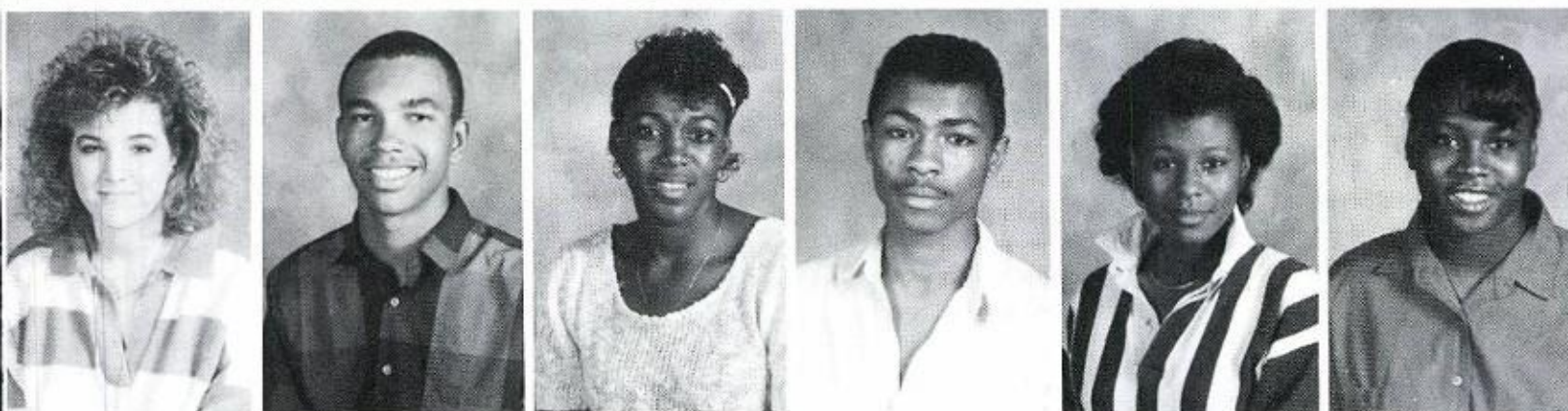
Erica Logan finishes her assignment in Typing and looks forward to the weekend, and a chance to go shopping for anything.

The blood drive does some shopping and Gregory Pinkerton is a product as he offers his arm to check his blood pressure.



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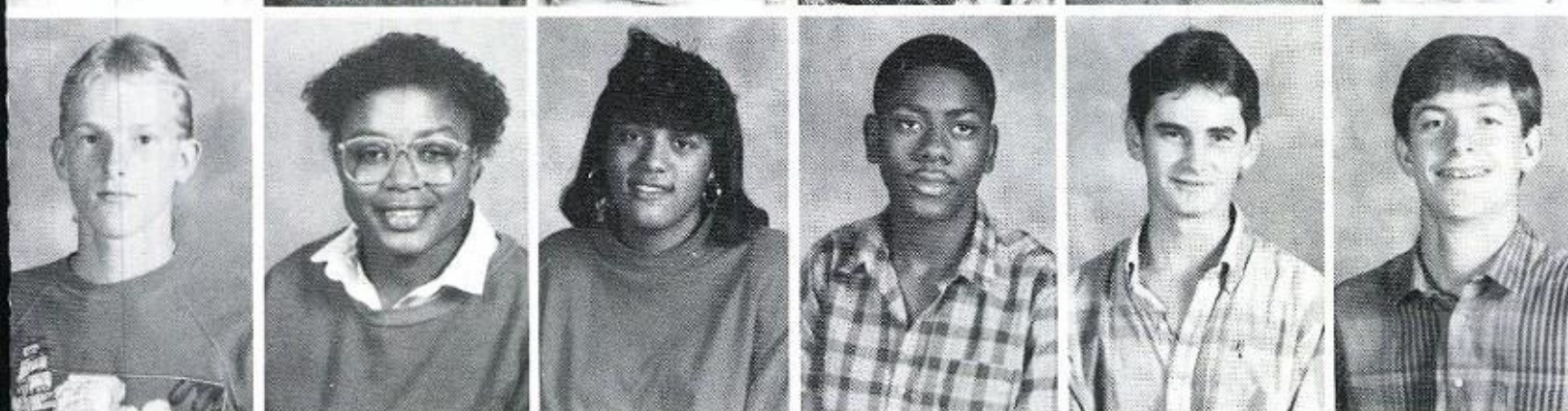




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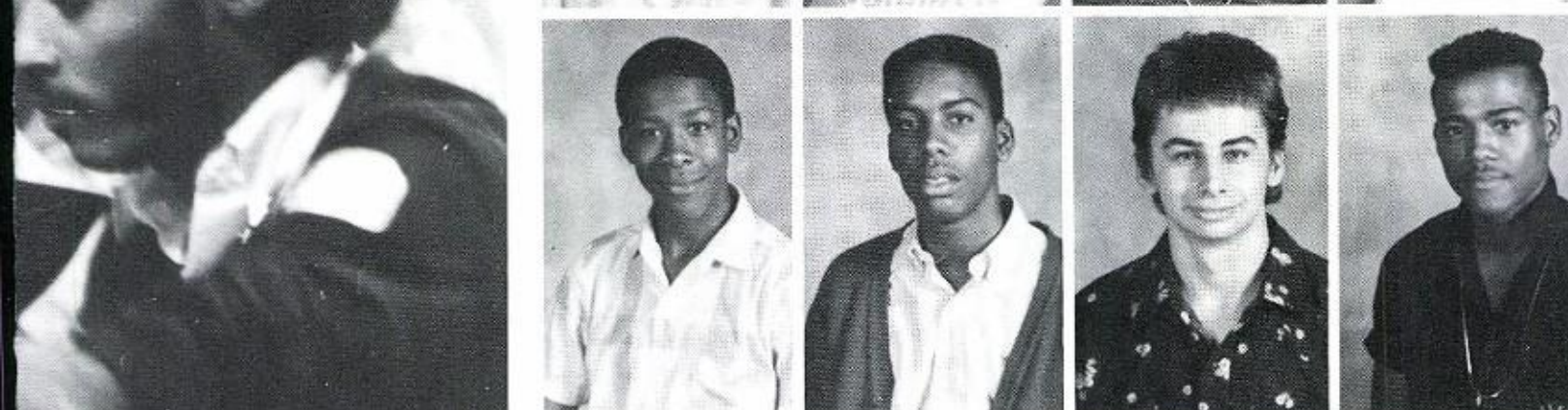
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The Big Three

Erik Swafford

People Editor

"We've come a long way. I feel real good." That's what Bill Barnes had to say about Mills.

Mr. Barnes was new when school started, but he quickly adjusted to the routine of Mills. He set up a student advisory committee to decide whether or not to allow gum and shorts.

Mr. Barnes came over from Fuller following the retirement of Mr. John Voegele, the first Mills' principal. The whole situation was a great ball of confusion, but he had his reasons for coming.

"Mills was a challenge and I knew most of the tenth graders," he said.

Mr. Barnes had no problems following Voegele.

"He was a good friend, but I wanted to make my own tracks," he said.

The school year got off to a rocky start when a big fight occurred in the commons, but Mr. Barnes was able to get the situation under control. He arranged a pep assembly so

that students could talk about the problems.

"I wanted an open relationship with the students," he said.

Mr. Barnes is not dissatisfied with his decision to come here.

"Mills is exciting because we have a lot of good talents," he said. Kathy Turner agrees. "It's thrilling, challenging, and it's fun!" she exclaimed.

Mrs. Turner was also new to Mills. As the vice principal, she felt that this job offer was one that "I could not refuse," she said.

"Everybody's adjusting so there is a big support system," she said.

James Nash, on the other hand, can speak from experience. He has been at Mills for 10 years. This year he had some adjusting to do. Almost half of the school was made up of new teachers, but for Mr. Nash nothing was different.

"I love the school as a whole and I love to see kids achieve certain goals," he said.





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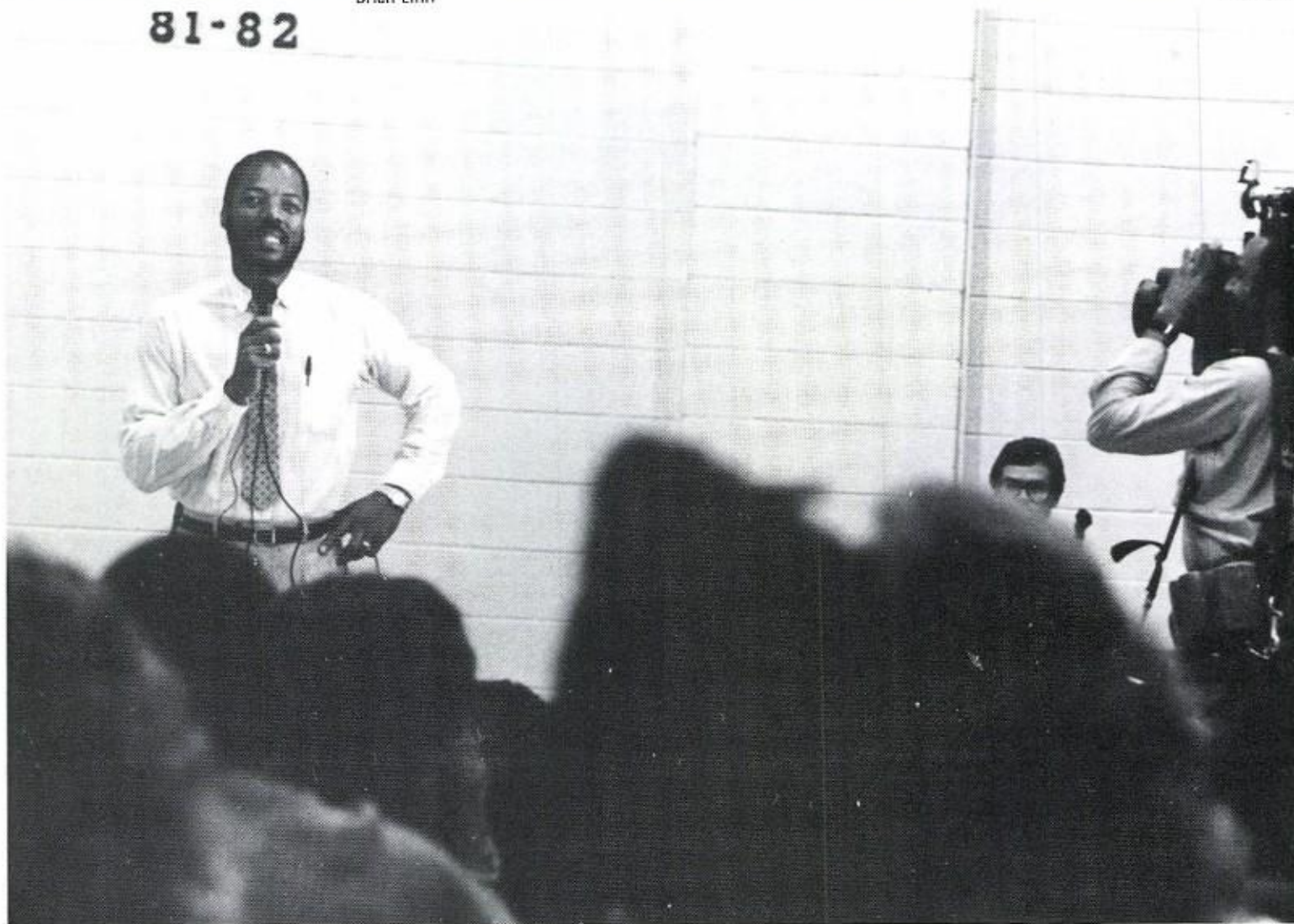
Mrs. Turner was usually busy in her office discussing students' problems when she wasn't monitoring the halls.

After a long day, Mr. Nash takes a moment to relax while he discusses technical problems with the custodians.



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Mr. Barnes interrupts a pep assembly for a moment to make announcements and add a personal message to get the spirit up.

Mr. Barnes speaks at an assembly that he arranged so that students could talk out their problems and come together.

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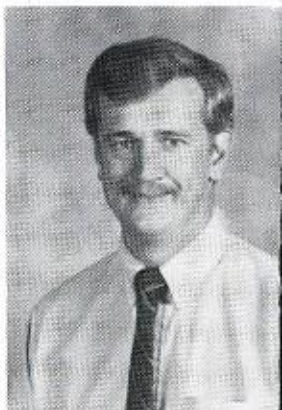
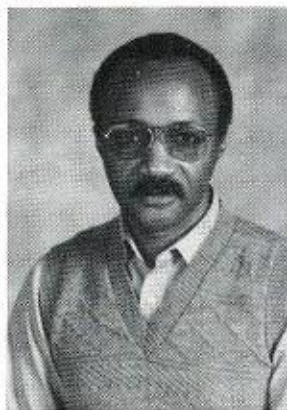
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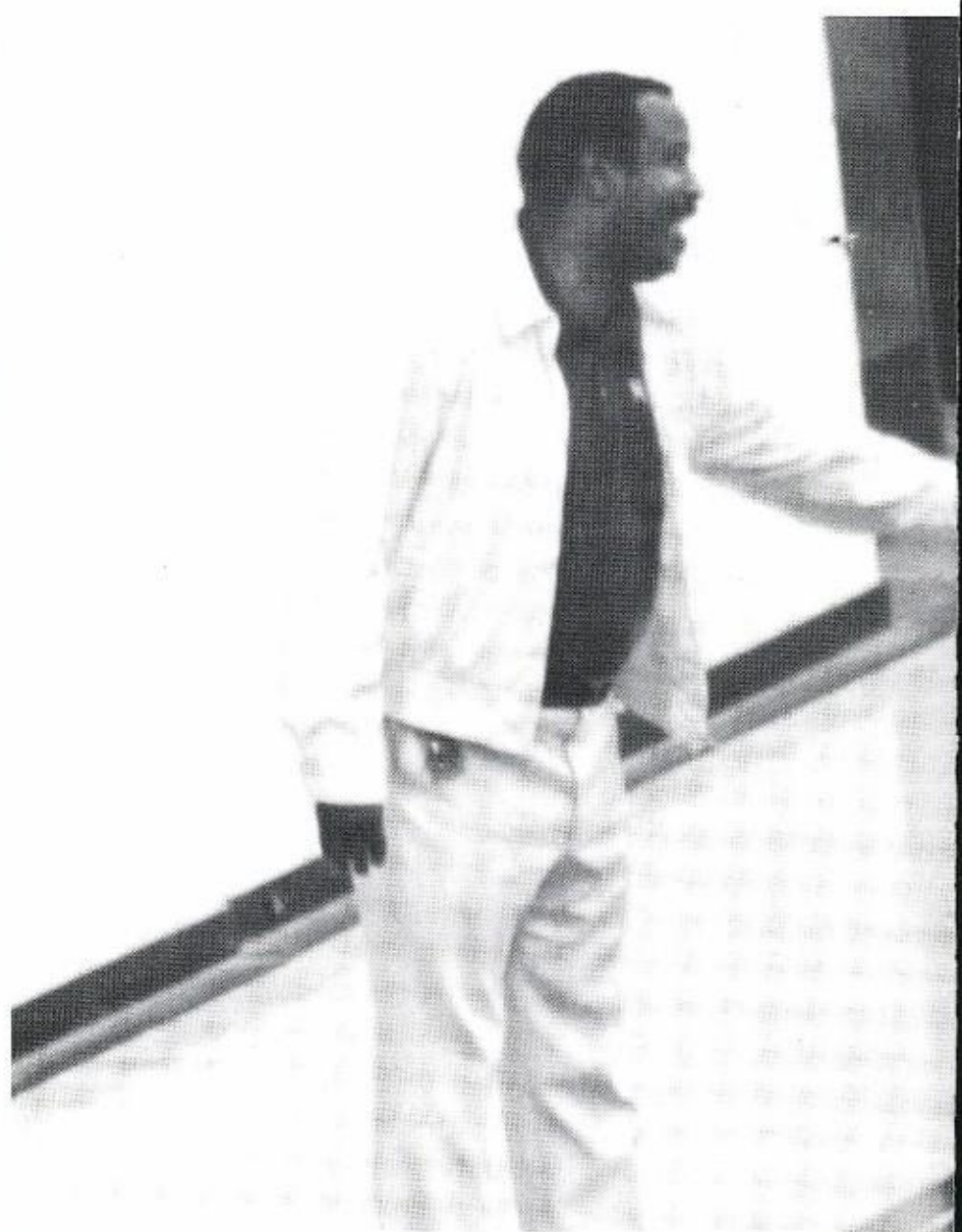


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Mrs. Wiedrich becomes a nerd for a day. Nerd Day was part of the special Homecoming activities for students and faculty.





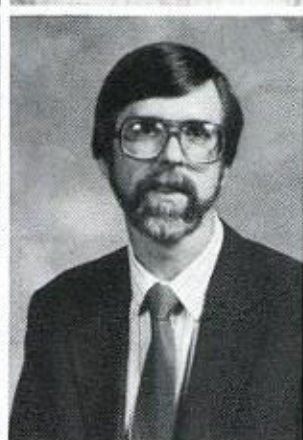
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Speaking From Experience

Erik Swafford

People Editor

Full of compassion and endurance, spirit and humor, support and sincerity, Clarice Hightower races through a day of teaching English to 120 seniors. How does she do it? Why does she do it?

"I love working with the students," Mrs. Hightower said.

Mrs. Hightower shows a rare amount of dedication. She has been at Mills for 19 years, since its opening in 1967, and she still enjoys teaching English. She is admired by other teachers because of her attitude.

"What I like best about her is her sensitivity and her ability to meet the students at a personal level," Mrs. Suedemeyer said.

"She has a good attitude, loves the students, and has been a main important force at Mills," Mrs. Green said.

"She has a special rapport with the kids," Mrs. Morton said.

Mrs. Hightower modestly admits that she has been totally involved with Mills since before its opening. She helped design the school and her room, which includes a stage from which she taught Speech and Drama.

Loved by many, Mrs. Hightower has received

special honors. These honors are well deserved, too.

"The yearbook was dedicated to me in 1972, and this year I was the Homecoming Queen," she said.

Next year, after school is out, Mrs. Hightower wants to do everything she has ever wanted to do, but she won't be away from kids very long. She plans to spend time with her grandchildren, including a third one expected in July. Even with her hands full of grandchildren, Mrs. Hightower has one definite way to spend her leisure time.

"I'm going to fish," she said.

Mrs. Hightower has been through 19 years at Mills, and she has been here longer than any other teacher. What has kept her here so long?

"For one reason, I stayed out of respect for Mr. John Voegelé. The other is that I've felt a deep love for the school, a concern for the students, and a fellowship with the teachers. This was my school," Mrs. Hightower said.

A lot of people have come to love Mrs. Hightower through the years, and Mrs. Elder knows the reason why.

"She always has a smile for everybody," Mrs. Elder said.

Mr. Nash holds on to the stubborn goat that was decorated as a McClellan Lion during an assembly to top off Beat McClellan week.

Henderson, Fran - Librarian.
 Hightower, Clarice - English IV
 Huff, James - Custodian.
 Jernigan, Marge - Home-School
 Counselor.
 Inman, Wanda - Of. Tech. II;
 Comp. Tech.; Intro Comp. Tech.; Of.
 Tech. Lab.



Kirshner, Mary - Library Clerk.
 Larson, Inez - Indiv. Math; Choir;
 Fund. Math; Comp. Prog.
 Long, Dan - Pre. Alg.; General
 Math; Geometry.
 Lowery, Karen - Eng. II, III; Year-
 book Advisor.
 Mauer, Jamie - French I, II, III.

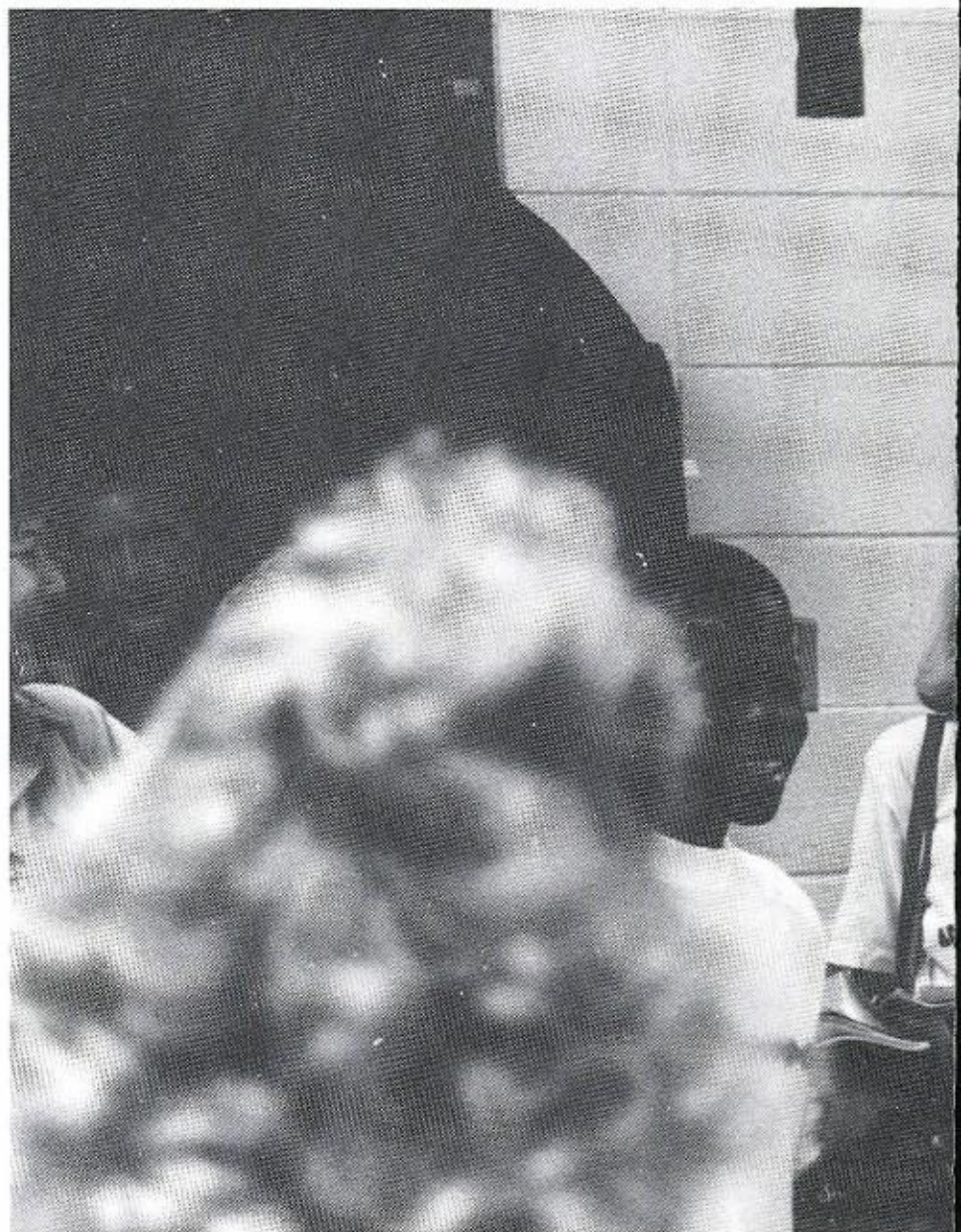


McAnally, Kent - Senior Band;
 Cadet Band.
 McClung, LaVanda - Secretary.
 Mosley, Rosemary - Accounting
 I, II; Business Law.
 Nash, James - Assist. Principal.
 Nelson, Charles - Sp. Ed. Eng.; Sp.
 Ed. Sci.; Sp. Ed. Soc. St.; Reading.



Brian Linn

Ms. Inman shares a laugh with some girls
 from FBLA as they sort out packages re-
 ceived from a fund raiser.



"Pal-ing Around"

Colette Miller

Staff

This year there has been a special bond between faculty. The idea of secret pals for faculty by faculty has shown many benefits on both sides. The idea was to have faculty secretly give gifts or do things for the other faculty member's name they have. It is plainly an open act of sharing and caring. This idea was started by Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Whitfield.

"Mrs. Turner along with Mrs. Whitfield thought of the idea to bring faculty closer together and give people a sense of love and unity for the school," Mrs. Hightower said.

The joy found in the eyes of new and old faculty is prevalent everyday. No one knows who their secret pal is, but at the end of the school year they will be revealed. Not knowing makes everyone close because any member of the

faculty could be responsible for your presents.

"When I receive something from my secret pal, I find myself more considerate of the whole faculty because they may be that secret pal," Mrs. Larson said.

Looking at this from the other side, the feeling of giving makes people feel good. A regret is that they don't always get to see the expression of joy and surprise.

"It's similar to define your experience when you play Santa Claus. The only way I could improve the experience would be to witness this person discover her gifts," Mrs. Lowery said.

This idea has still shown many rewards on both sides. Receiving gifts makes them feel accepted by the faculty, and giving gifts allows the expression of camaraderie to be revealed.

Mrs. Hightower, the always dedicated teacher, sits with students as they go over a story in English.



Brian Linn

Ms. Brainard received a big surprise on her 40th birthday. She entered her room to find it decorated black by former students.

Marge Jernigan, the Home-School counselor, has a conversation with Betty Snellings about one of Mrs. Snellings' students.



Brian Linn



Brian Linn

Portable Teachers

Erik Swafford
People Editor

Just when you thought compact discs were the most exciting product of modern technology something even better comes along: portable teachers. These teachers are a major breakthrough in Arkansas education. Programmed to switch rooms almost every period, these teachers depend on rolling "desks" as their home base. Is it convenient? Maybe to some people, but not to the teachers.

"You always need something you don't have. You can't carry maps on a cart," Coach Mobley said.

"It's extra work because you have to be sure you have everything, but I don't mind, Mrs. Snellings said.

These "portable teachers" have to rotate from class to class with some of them teaching in a different room every period. The reason behind this? There are not enough rooms in the school for every teacher to have one, so some must

share with other teachers.

The "portable teachers" depend very much on their carts. These carts help them move books and other necessities to class, and some of the teachers even use them as desks.

"It's tough, but someone's got to do it," Coach Mobley said.

"Not having a desk or room that you feel is your own is very different," Mrs. Snellings said.

A big problem for the "portable teachers" is traveling through the crowded hallways.

"Because of crowds you may be late or have to start class in a rush," Coach Mobley said.

"It does get too crowded at times, but I find the students polite," Mrs. Snellings said.

The "portable teachers" will probably be around for a while. So, if you see some teacher running down the hallway with a cart, watch out! It's probably a portable teacher.

Ms. Mauer comes to the rescue of a confused student as she points out the correct way to write in French.

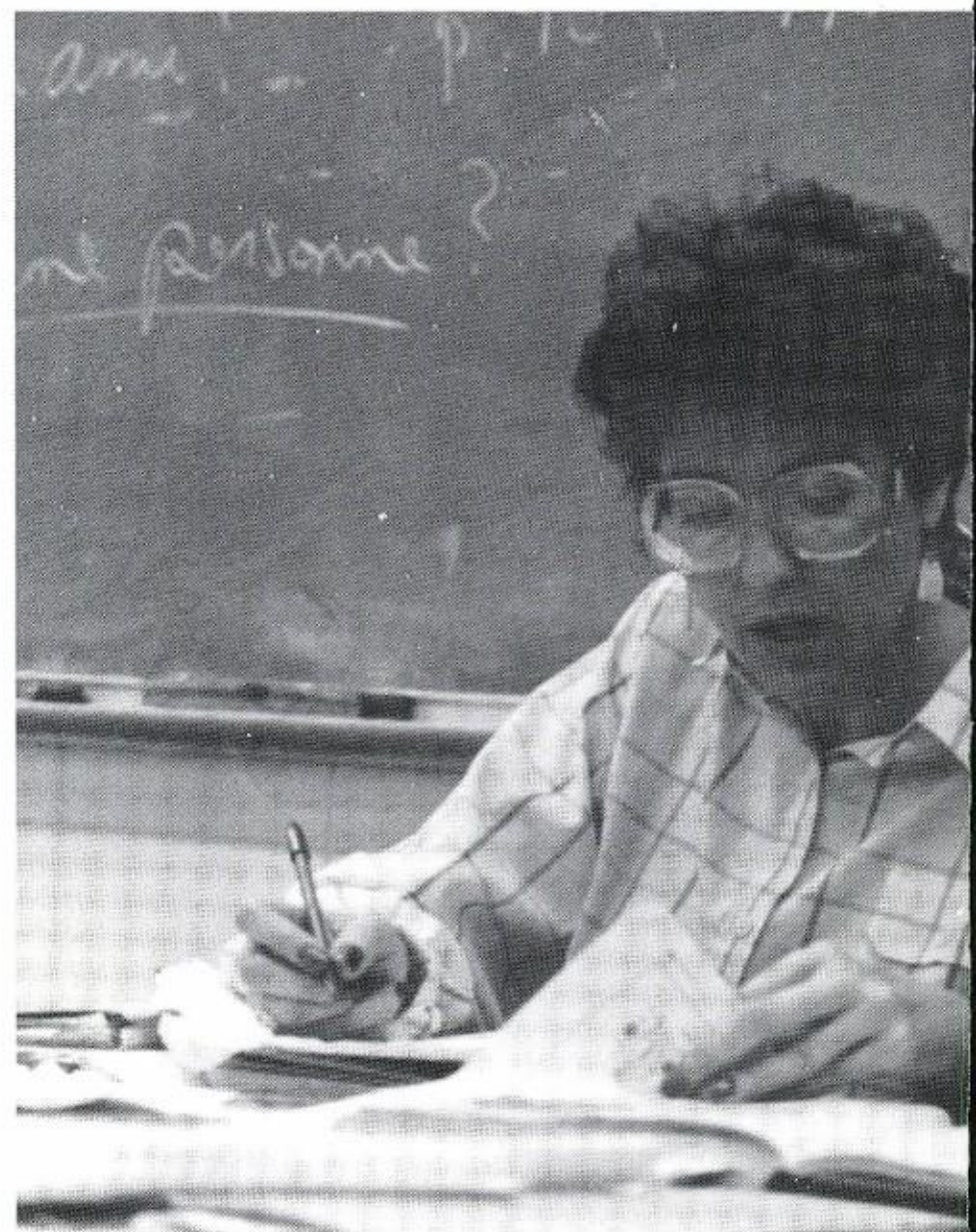
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Earth Science.
Person, Joyce - Alg. II;
Geometry; General Math.



Richter, Joyce - Registrar.
Ricks, Edna - Am. Hist.;
Wld. Geog.



Shoptaw, Elaine - Rel.
Sk. I, II.
Smith, David - Exp. T&I;
Computer Control Tech.





Snellings, Betty - Fine Arts Survey; Drawing and Design; Art Foundation.

St. Clair, Claudia - Eng. I, II; Drama I, II; Intro. Oral Comm.

Stender, Charles - El. Alg. II; Pre Alg.

Stroud, Thomas - Bus. Math; Alg. I; Pre Alg.

Suedemeyer, Diane - Eng. III; Pre AP Eng. II.



Swint, John - Sp. Ed. Math; Sp. Ed. Sci.; Sp. Ed. Am. Hist.

Tanner, Cherry - Spanish I, II; Eng. II.

Tart, Bennetta - Sp. Ed. Eng.

Tucker, Helen - Sp. Ed. Eng.; Sp. Ed. Math.

Turner, Kathy - Assist. Principal



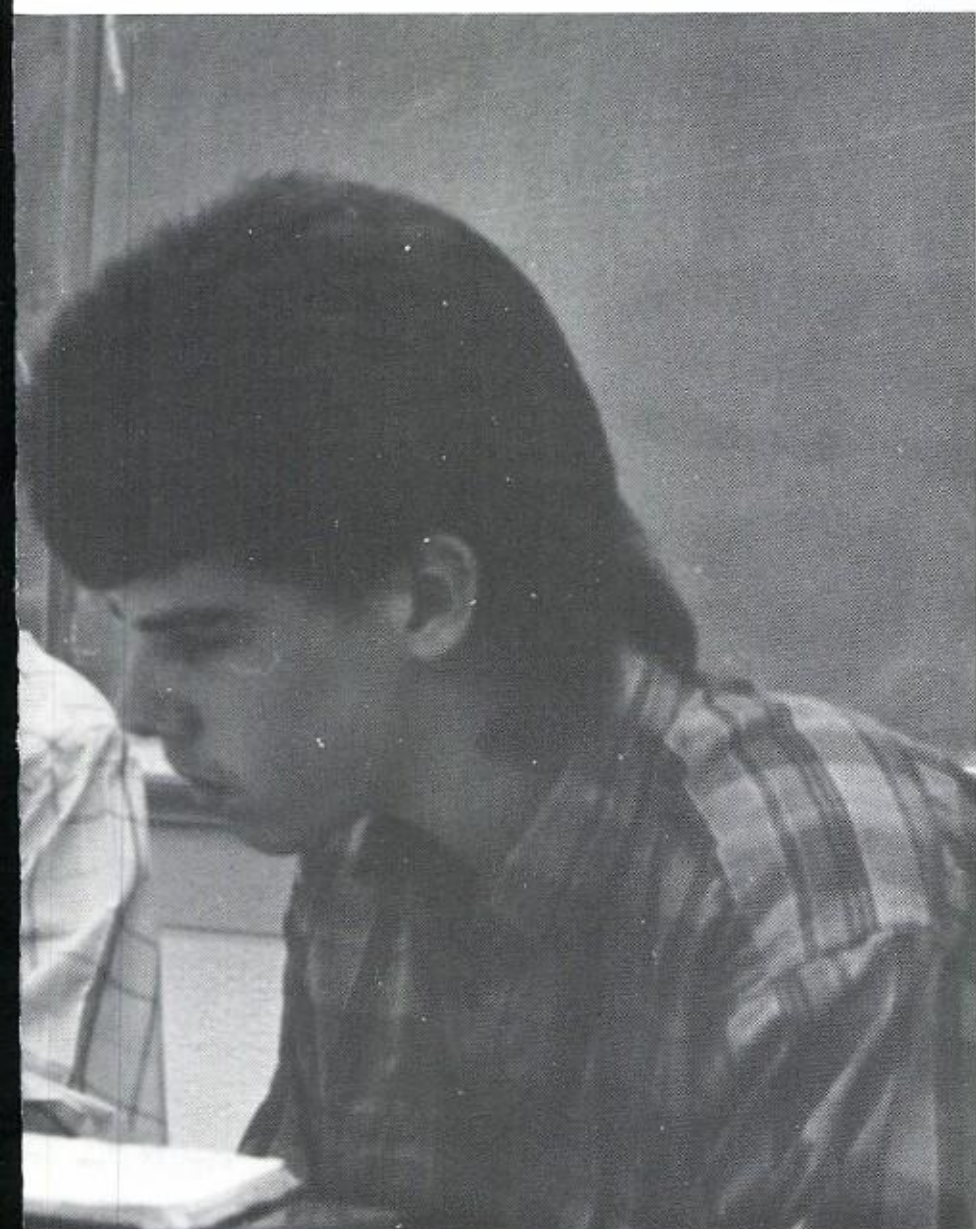
Walker, Cherie - Girls Basketball.

Webber, Mary Ann - Sp. Ed. Eng.; Reading; Learn. Stratg.

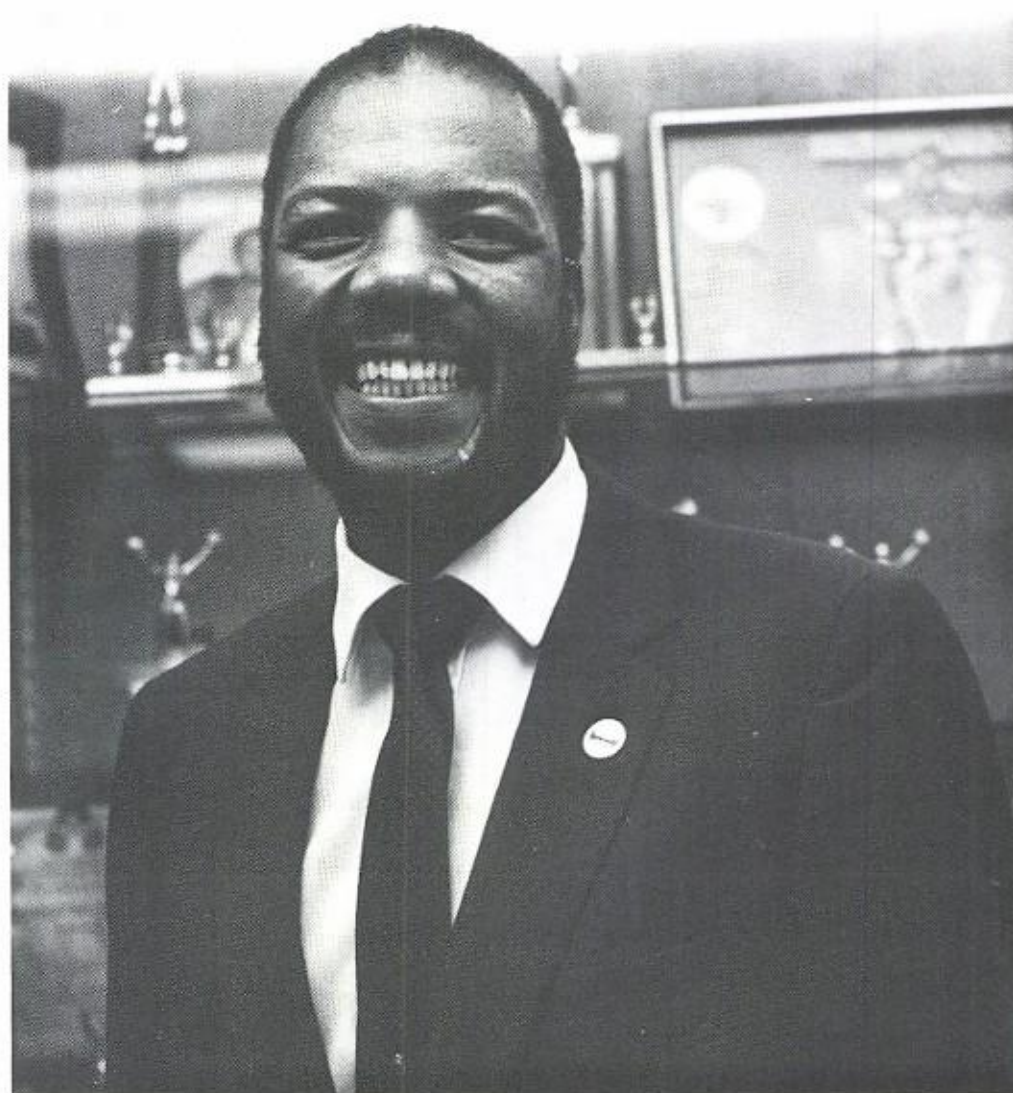
Whitfield, Becky - Painting I, II, III; TAG; Drawing and Design II, III; Pottery Crafts.

Wiedrich, Shirley - Psychology/Sociology; Am. Hist.

Wright, Lorene - Counselor.



Brian Linn



Brian Linn

With a smile and a song, Mr. Barnes stops in front of the trophy case for a brief moment of humor.

Adding It Up

Lisa Berry

Editor

Eat pizza and burgers, wear "Spuds" and faded denim, and spend a lot of money along the way.

The advertising world recognizes the wonderful potential of the teenage market. With one hand on Dad's wallet and the other on the car steering wheel, the teenager is ready for the world.

Colleges and the Armed Services also do their share of advertising to catch teenage attention. They don't ask much - just a few thousand dollars and/or a few years of your life!

The ads section of the yearbook gives seniors and their parents a place to do their own advertising, right alongside businesses.

"People buy senior ads so everyone will know that they are graduating and to show off baby pictures. Parents want to show they are proud of their kids," Bridgit Thigpen said.

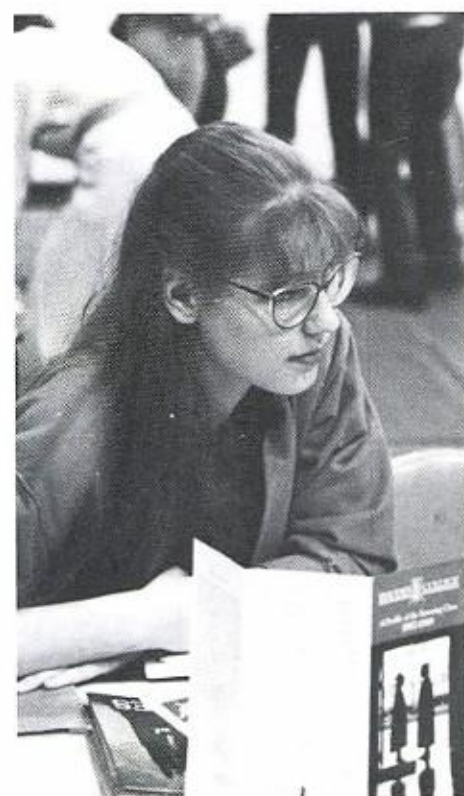
Buying and selling to the teenage market: money seems to burn a hole in young hands. And the young hands don't seem to mind.

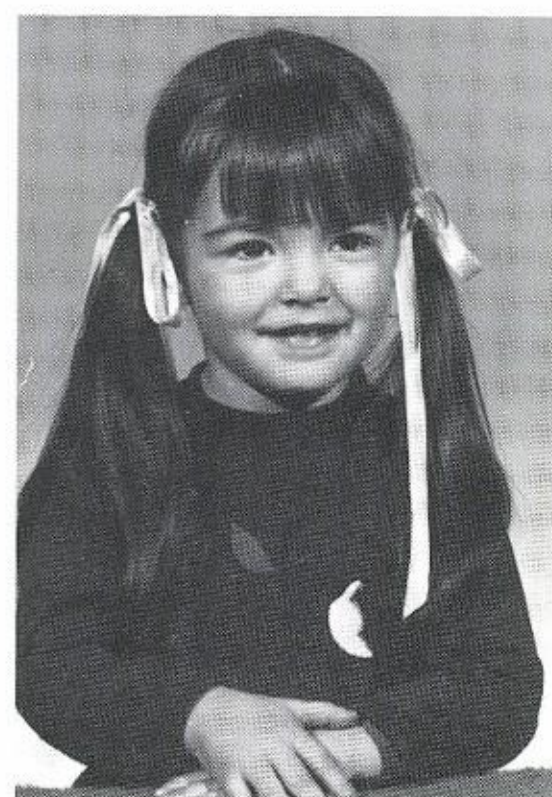




Kristi Walker stocks the shelves with Christmas goodies at Wal-Mart, which is a very big advertiser in this area.

Vikki Honkkila listens intently as Rhodes College advertises itself during the college fair at school.





JULIE SQUIRES

CONGRATULATIONS; JULIE!!!

It is so hard to believe these twelve years have passed so quickly — You are a special joy to us. You have had so many accomplishments and we have enjoyed all of them with you.

THANK YOU!!

Now it's time to reach out and begin another phase of your life. Whatever you want can be yours. Keep your faith strong and know that we love you. THANKS FOR BEING YOU.

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MAMA and DICKY**

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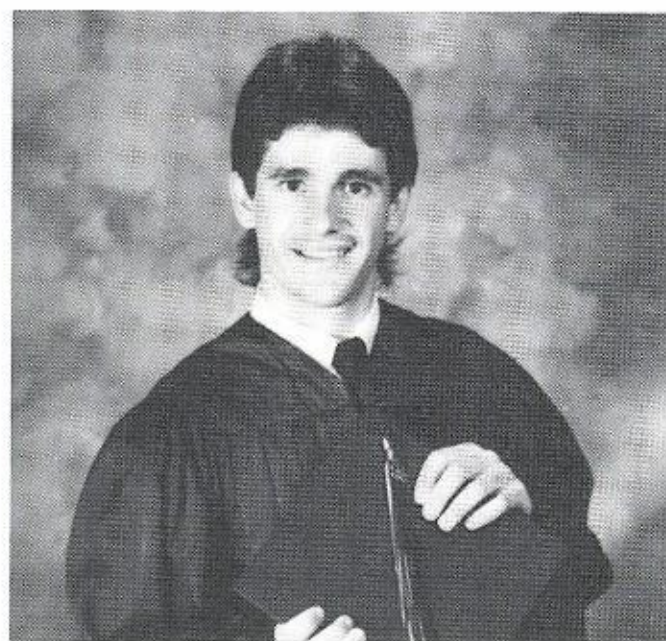
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MITCH GATES

*Mitch,
We love you and are so proud of you. You have been a special blessing to us. May GOD bless you and keep you always.*

**LOVE,
Mom & Dad
Mawmaw & Pawpaw
Mary Joyce & Granny**



LINDA BROWN

LINDA,
Look to the future with great
views and great things will be
there for you.



Yeah, we did it!

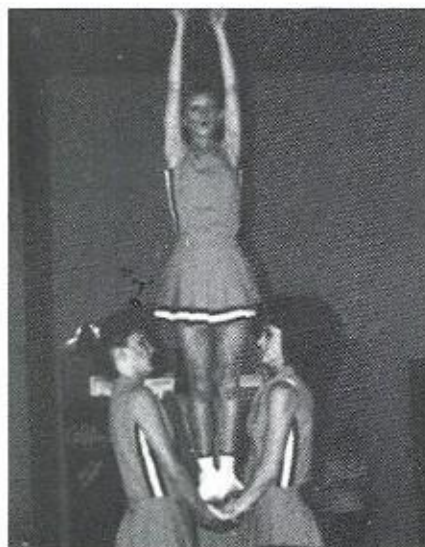
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GO COMETS!!!!



Jen,

You may only weigh 83 lbs. but you have always fought your way in this big world, you have always been on top of things and if you fell you would always pick yourself up and try again. You would never give up, and because of this you will achieve all of your goals you set for yourself.

Always remember we love you and will always stand by you. We are proud to say Jennifer Archer is graduating.



JENNIFER ARCHER

Jennifer,

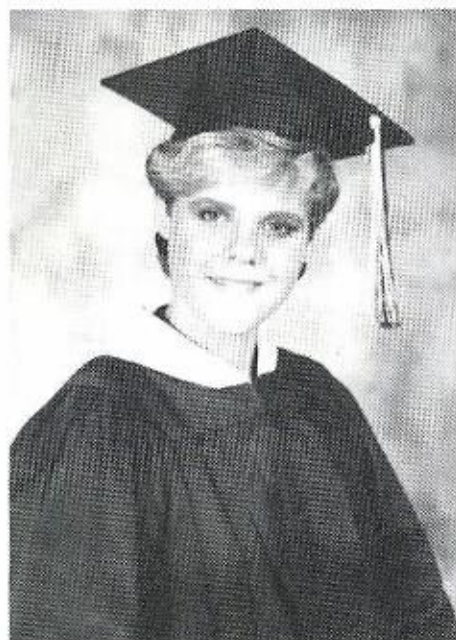
From a tiny baby to a tiny young lady you have been so precious to me. We have shared bad and good times. You have stood by me, I know you can do anything you set out to do. Remember the most beautiful rose has thorns; there will be many thorns in the pathway you travel on. Let your faith be strong and your love for others grow.

I LOVE YOU,
MOM

*I thank God upon
every remembrance of
you, my personal An-
gel.*

*Just because ... I
Love You.*

Daddy



Kristi McCoy

*Words are inadequate,
space is limited and the time
is too short to express my love
to such a precious and beauti-
ful daughter.*

*"You are someone very spe-
cial."*

*May you ever remember that
I Love You.*

Mom



Karen Kendrick

To Karen,

*We are so very proud of you.
Thank you for being yourself.
May God's love forever be
with you.*

*Love always,
Mama, Daddy, Doo-
ney, and Wayne.*

*Your moment has arrived.
Take it and do the best you
can. You'll always have our
love.*



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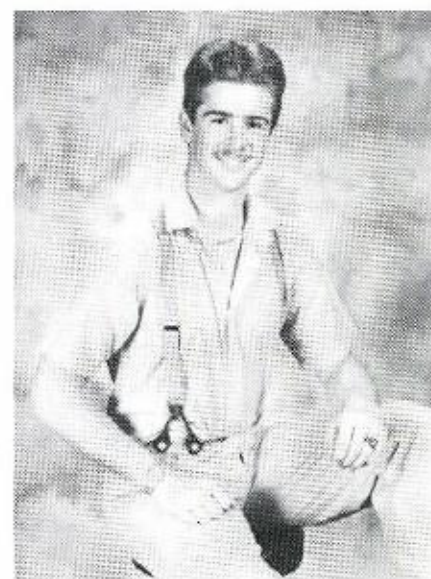
Dear Keith,

We thank God every day for
blessing us with your presence
in our lives. You are a fine son,
a super brother and a true
friend and gentleman!

You have chosen a difficult
profession with a demanding
and challenging pathway, but a
life filled with adventure, ex-
citement and fun!

Remember these words:

*"Even youths grow tired
and weary, and young men*



stumble and fall; but
those who hope in the
Lord will renew their
strength. They will soar
on wings like eagles; they
will run and not grow wea-
ry, they will walk and not
be faint"

ISAIAH 40:30-31

Love you,
Mom, Dad,
and Todd

Keith Couch

*"We always knew you had the
gift of the curious and a sense
of adventure"*



CONGRATULATIONS APRIL



April Hirby

April,

June 4, 1988 - a special day when one door closes and another one opens. You have made your family proud of the straight path you have walked. As you continue your journey, We stand with you in complete confidence in your goals, your decisions, your faith and your future.

When you were born, I read a definition for April - Springtime and love. How did they know so many years ago?

Thank you for being a good daughter.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

My little sister, my best friend.

I love you.

Robyn

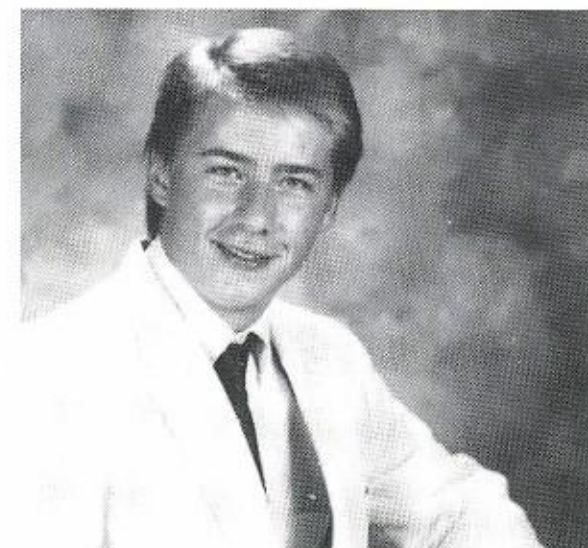


CONGRATULATIONS MARK!

You have been a joy and a blessing to us from the day you were born. We are very proud of you and love you very much!

We wish for you health, happiness and success in the future. Our love and prayers will be with you always.

Daddy, Mama and Karen
Ming and Peggy



CONGRATULATIONS, KARLA

We love you and wish you the very best always.

Love,
Mother, Daddy
Lana, Karrie, & Robert



Jennifer,

You finally made it Babe. Now it's time to find out what the real world is all about.

But it's all right I'll be there for you any time you need me.

Good luck babe,
Love ya forever,
Ken



Michael,

Eighteen years have come and gone. Where those years have disappeared to, who knows. The eighteen years with you have been both exciting and loving.



We are so proud of you. It's been a joy to see you graduate. It's also a blessing for me and you to see this day come.

God bless you in the future. We love you,
Mom and Ray

Congratulations Shelaine!

We are so proud to have you as a son and we want to wish you all the best and a most prosperous future.

We love you,
Mom and Dad





Dear Scott,
 Congratulations!
 We're very proud of you. May
 all the lessons you have to
 learn in life come as easy for
 you as your school lessons did.
 Love,
 Mom & Bruce

Rhonda,
Thanks so much for being
the most wonderful friend a
person could ever have! You're
very special and I wish you the
best of luck in all that you do
for all the years to come!
Congratulations!
Your bestest everything,
Sheila



TRACY MASSERY BASINGER

We are very proud of you, Tracy. You have really been a joy to us.
 Much love from
 Mom, Dad, Mark, and Kathy

Momma,
 I love you, and thank you for every-
 thing you have done for me. CONGRATU-
 LATIONS!
 Love always & forever,
 Baby Tabitha

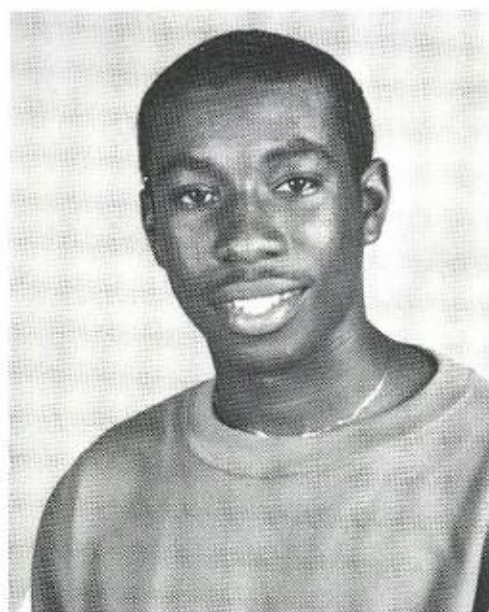
Tracy,
 Congratulations! You have made us very proud of you, and thank you
 for the happiness that you have given us.

Love always,
 Kenneth
 &
 Tabitha



Kath:
Congratulations! We love you and are so very proud of you.
Stay as sweet as you are and remember we are always here
for you.
May God Bless You now and in the days to come.
We Love You,
Mom & Dad





**CONGRATULATIONS
MICHAEL!**

Michael Bennett

*Always remember that wisdom is a tree of life
to those who eat her fruit and happy is the man
who keeps on eating it.*

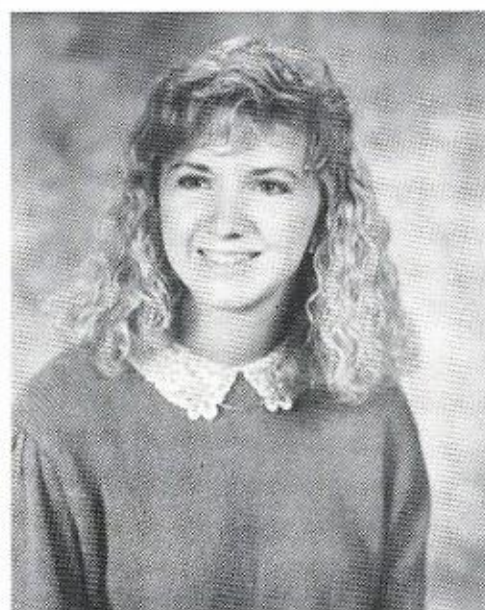
*Loving you now and always,
Mom, Dad
Tamara, Shun and Ashley*



Angel Pinson

ANGEL
*Yesterday a baby
Today a young lady
Tomorrow a woman.
We are so proud of
the way you turned out!*

CONGRATULATIONS!
*Love
Mom, Dad
&
Family*



**CONGRATULATIONS!
KIM WILLIAMS**

*We wish for you all the wonderful things life has
to offer; success, health, happiness and love.*

*You have been a source of joy and pride to us.
Remember we love you, and reach for that star!
Mom and Daddy*



**CONGRATULATIONS!
KRISTI**

Kristi Walker

*You have been our pride
and joy since you were born. If
we could have our pick of any
daughter in the world, it would
be you! May God bless you and
guide you in whatever you do.*

**ALL OUR LOVE,
Mom, Dad**



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Danny Fithen

Danny,
We are very
proud of you. We
Love you and
Thank God for
you.

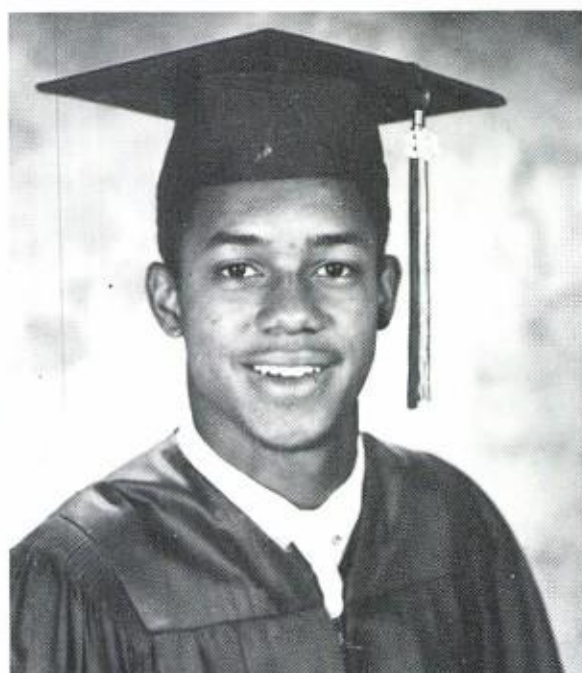
Love, Mom,
Dad, and Debbie

Kristy,
I don't know how to say it
to you. You are everything
to me. The things that we
went through together are
moments I'll never forget.
I love you Kristy! You'll only
leave me in presence, not
in my heart.

Your best bud,
Holly



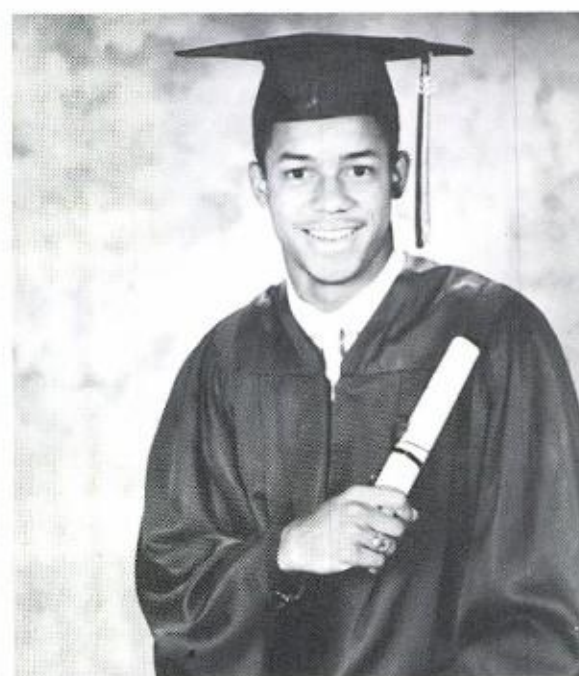
Kristy McCoy



Kim Barkins

*Kim,
God has been
your Provider, Co-
pilot, and we have
been the rest. We
hope you continue
the road of
success and never
Settle for less.*

*From all of us with
love,
Mom, Dad, Sister,
Brother and
Grandparents*



Kim Barkins

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Friends

*"Though it's hard to let
you go, In the father's
hands we know. Cause a
lifetimes not too long to
live as friends."*

*Lawanda Franklin
&
Treva L. Peyton*



Dear Mom & Dad,

Thank you for being there whenever I needed you. I will strive to be the best that I can be and know that you are always praying for my success.

Love,
Julian White



Nellie Bratton



Nellie Bratton

TO OUR DEAREST NELLIE:

From the first time we saw you with that little pink ribbon in your hair, we knew you were a gift from heaven. You have warmed our hearts with the sunshine of your effervescent personality. You have brought us great joy and many proud moments. Through the years you have grown more dear and special to us.

We congratulate you on this accomplishment — your graduation from high school.

As you begin your life as an adult, we would give you these words of advice:

Continue to make the Lord number one in your life and follow the admonitions of Proverbs 3:5,6, and Matthew 6:33. May the Lord continue to watch over you and bless you in each of your endeavors.



We Love You Very
Much,
Daddy and Mama

Nellie,
Does this mean I
don't get a ride to school
anymore?
Your big Brother,
John

CONGRATULATIONS STEPHANIE:

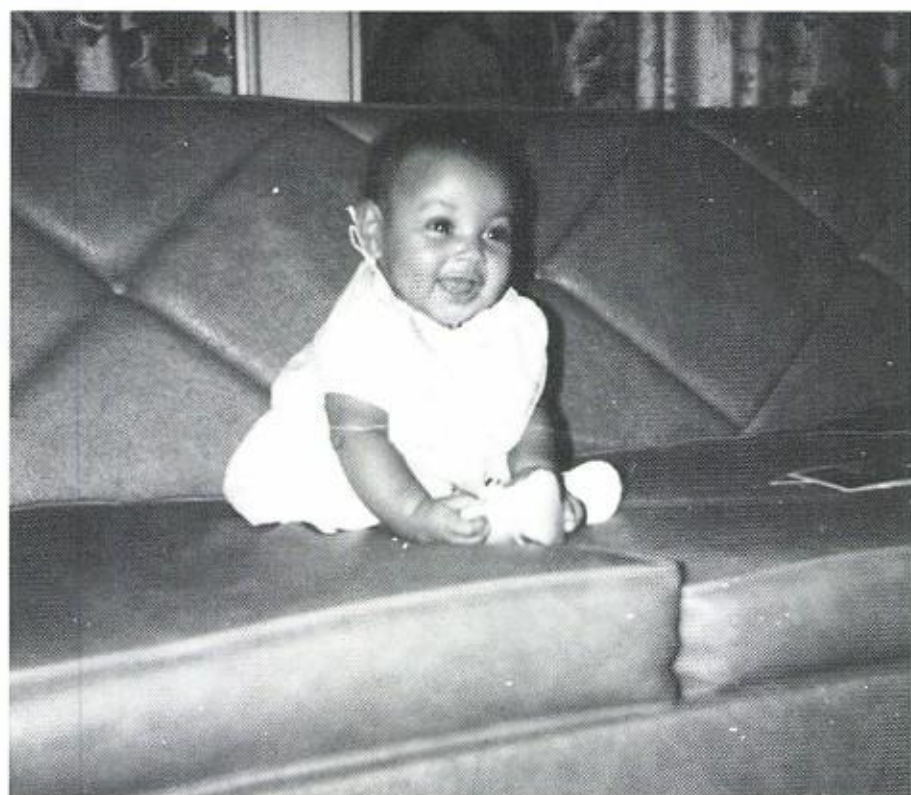
*A happy ending -
A great beginning.
We loved you then, and we love you
now.*

*May your future bring you as much
joy and happiness as you have
brought us.*

Mom & Dad

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Monica Johnson

**CONGRATULATIONS
MONICA!!!**

**Thank you for all the
years in between**

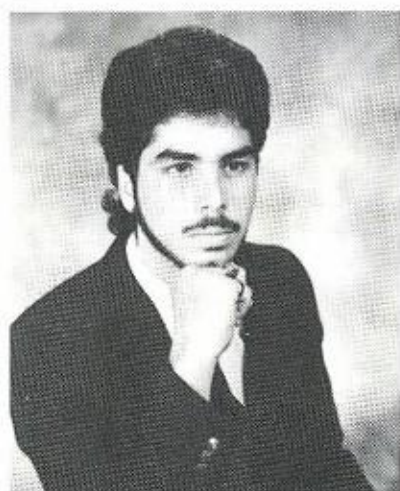


Monica Johnson

**Always Believe in yourself and in God, and
continue to reach for the stars.**

We're proud of you,

**Mom
Latricia
Ivria**



*Congratulations
Geoffrey!*

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GOBRIELLE**

Gobrielle,

*I am very proud of you and
may God bless you in the many
years of your life to come!
Even though you are the baby
of the family, you are still
number one in my heart!!!*

*I love you,
Mom*



CONGRATULATIONS TREVA!!!!

*You are an angel of a daughter though sometimes you
flip your halo, or may sometimes park your wings. You
always make life heavenly with all the joy you bring.*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*



BEST WISHES TREVA

*A time to be proud and a little sad too. It all is in the
past now, you're graduating! Be the best that you can
be!*

*Love Always
The Peyton & The Cunningham
Family*

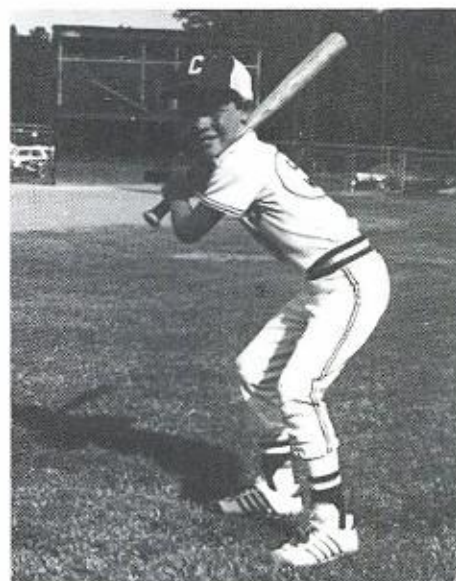


Congratulations Shendanna!

We are so proud of you. We knew you could do it, now keep the same dedication in college.

*God Bless and we love you,
Mom, Dad,
Val, Shatona,
Grandmother and Granddad.*

Shendanna Boykin



Congratulations on reaching an imp-milestone in your life. This is only one of many, but will, perhaps, be the most exciting. We pray you will have many exciting 'firsts' and always attain the goals you set for yourself.

*We love you,
Mom & Dad*

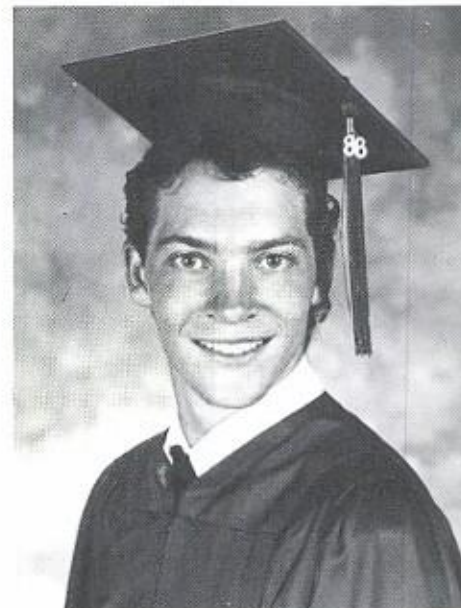


May your future be filled with as much happiness as you have given us for 17 years. With loving pride we wish you the very Best Graduation.

*Congratulations on 12 years of
"Hard Work"
We love you -
Mom, Dad, and Sheri*

"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, ... nothing you do can compare."

Proverbs 3:13, 15



*To "Our Doll," Nellie Bratton,
In the early hours on March*

*To "Our Doll," Nellie Bratton,
In the early hours on March 7, 1970, the Lord sent a Little Angel to brighten the lives of her Mom and Dad, and also her Paw and Grannie's. All who had been anxiously waiting her arrival. In just a matter a few minutes, we were face to face with the most Beautiful little Angel Doll in all the world (and she still is). She captured the hearts of her Paw and Grannie in the Precious moment, and with each year that has passed the Love and Pride has grown deeper and deeper. She still has us captured, and will always. We Love You Honey, and are So Proud of You. The Sun shines in Your Smile. We Pray You will Always walk with God. Always remember*

*We Love You,
The Big Most
Paw and Grannie*

Marinka,

Our lovely daughter from Yugoslavia. It is so hard to let you go and say, "Good-bye", but we know we must. You have been a real joy to our family and we are very proud of your accomplishments at Mills High School. Always remember that "Somebody in Arkansas loves you!"

Mom, Dad, Anne-Marie & Rachel



Congratulations

You made it. We knew you could and we are very proud of you.

God grant you all the things in life to make you happy. We're with you always.

*Love,
Mother & Dad*



Lisa
Berry



*Congratulations, Lisa! We are very proud of you.
Love, Mama and Daddy*



Cindy "Boo",

I remember looking through the annuals of my brother and sister and seeing the ads of couples who had been together throughout high school. I thought, "wouldn't it be great to spend all my time and happiness with someone special."

Well, what more could I ask. God blessed me with someone who understands me, laughs and cries with me, and shares the memories with me that can never be replaced. You're my best friend and buddy and I'll love and care for you, always.

*May God bless you.
Brian*



*Tanya Susanne,
Congratulations!
We love you!
Love,
Mom & Dad*



*Congratulations
Noemy!
We're so proud of
you!
May God bless you
Always*

"Be ye all of one mind."

I Peter 3:8

That says it all!

"Much learning doth make thee mad."

Acts 26:24

That explains it all!

*"To mourn a mischief that is past and gone
Is the best way to draw new mischief on."*

Othello Act I Sc. 3 L. 204

This foreshadows the rest!

— Laren Shuberry

*Noemy
Hernandez*

*We love you,
The Voegesles
The Hewitts
and Melisa*





Chuck,

You hold a special place in my heart and add a certain touch to my life. Together we've made a bond of friendship that will always stand true. Thanks for the special times that we've shared and for being the unique essence of our everlasting love. I love you.

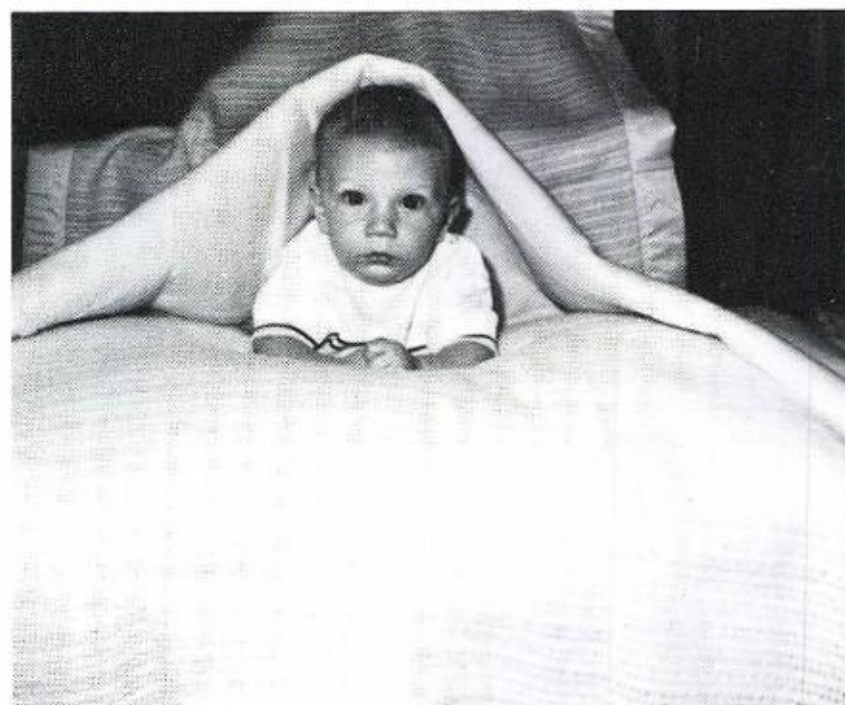
Amy

*Bubba,
I love you!
Shelly*

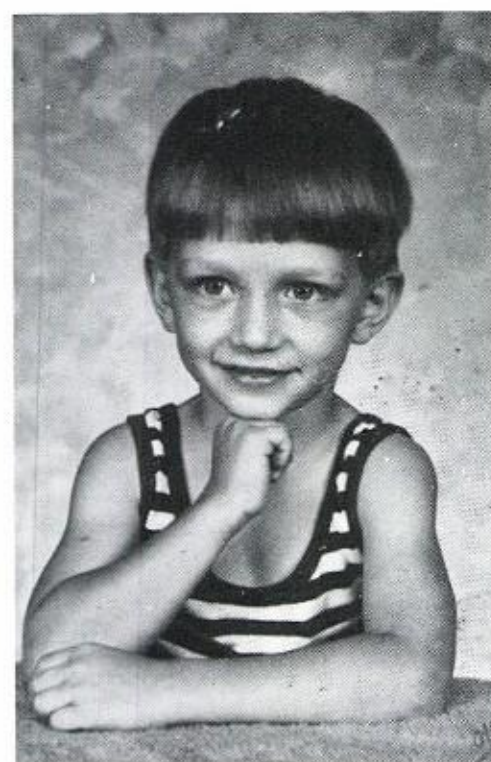


*Bubba,
Thanks for
being my #1
brother.*

*Love,
Rusty*



*Charles Ferrell Jr.
May 29, 1970*



Chuck,

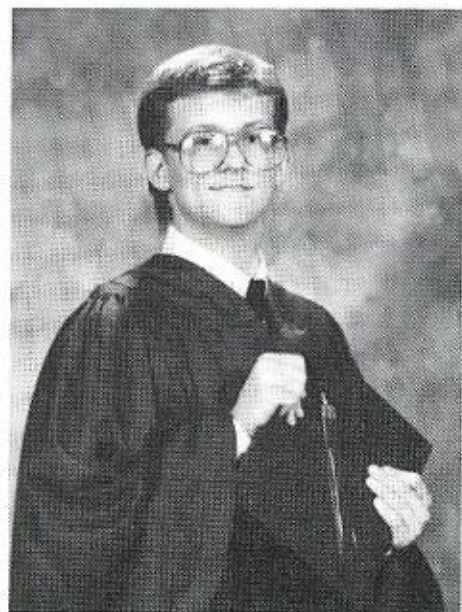
As each day passes, we will notice your empty room and miss the daily presence of you being here. But, the wonderful memories of you sharing your life with us will help fill the empty spaces in our hearts.

Congratulations! We hope that you'll be as proud of your children as we are of you!

You're the best!!!

*Love,
Dad & Mom
Shelly & Rusty*

*"Let's see, in just 14 years I
will be 18 and ready to
graduate!"*



Kevin,
 Thanks for 18 wonderful years. We are looking forward to the future with you.
 Love You Always and
 God Bless You
 Mom & Dad



Lisa,
 Throughout the years, our friendship has really gotten stronger. I know that I can face life better knowing that I have a friend as you. You have a way of seeing the good points in me and not the bad, and no matter what the problem you have always had words of encouragement to give. Lisa Ann Riding, you bring true meaning to the word friend.

Best of Friends,
 Angel

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Congratulations Suzanne,

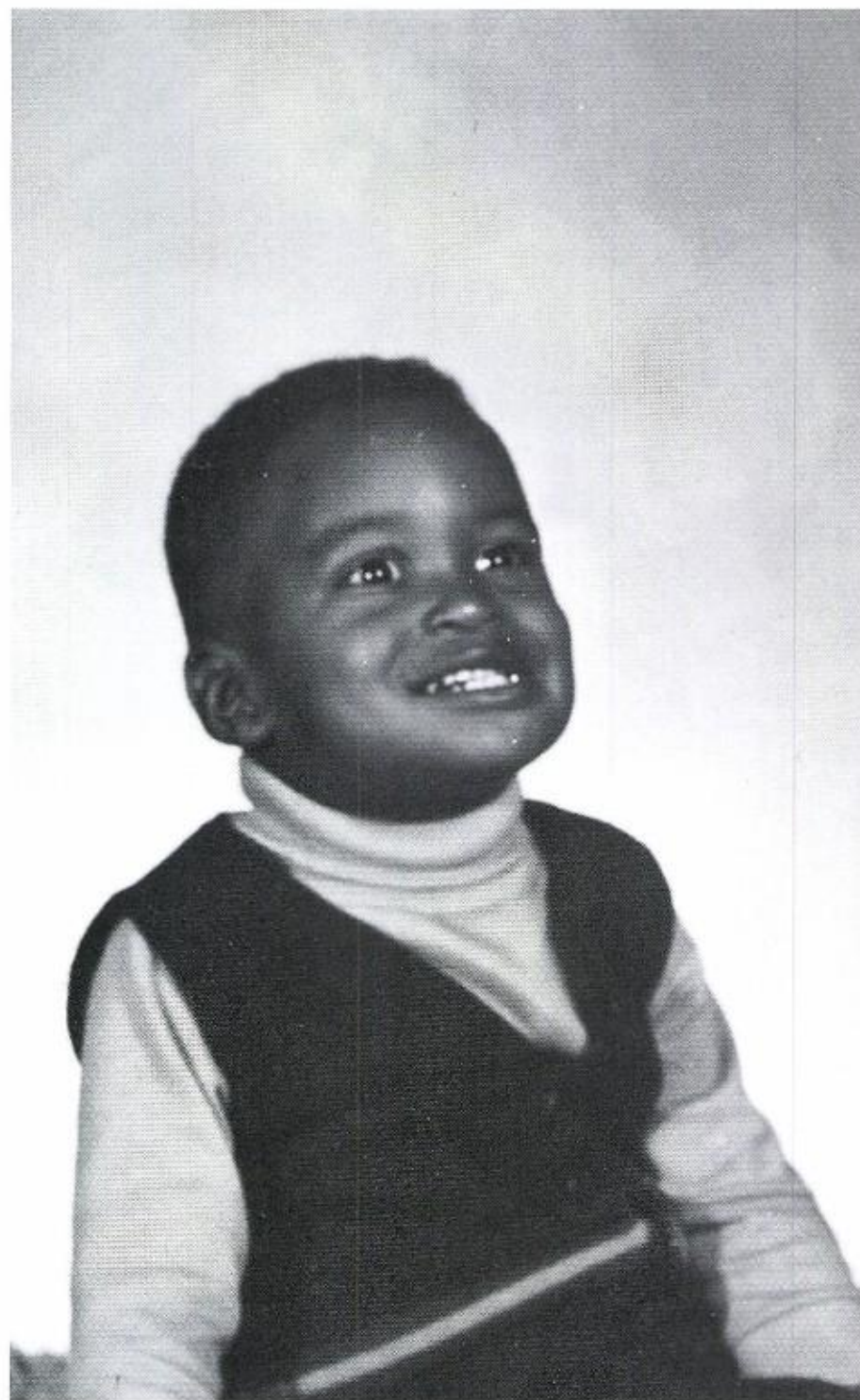
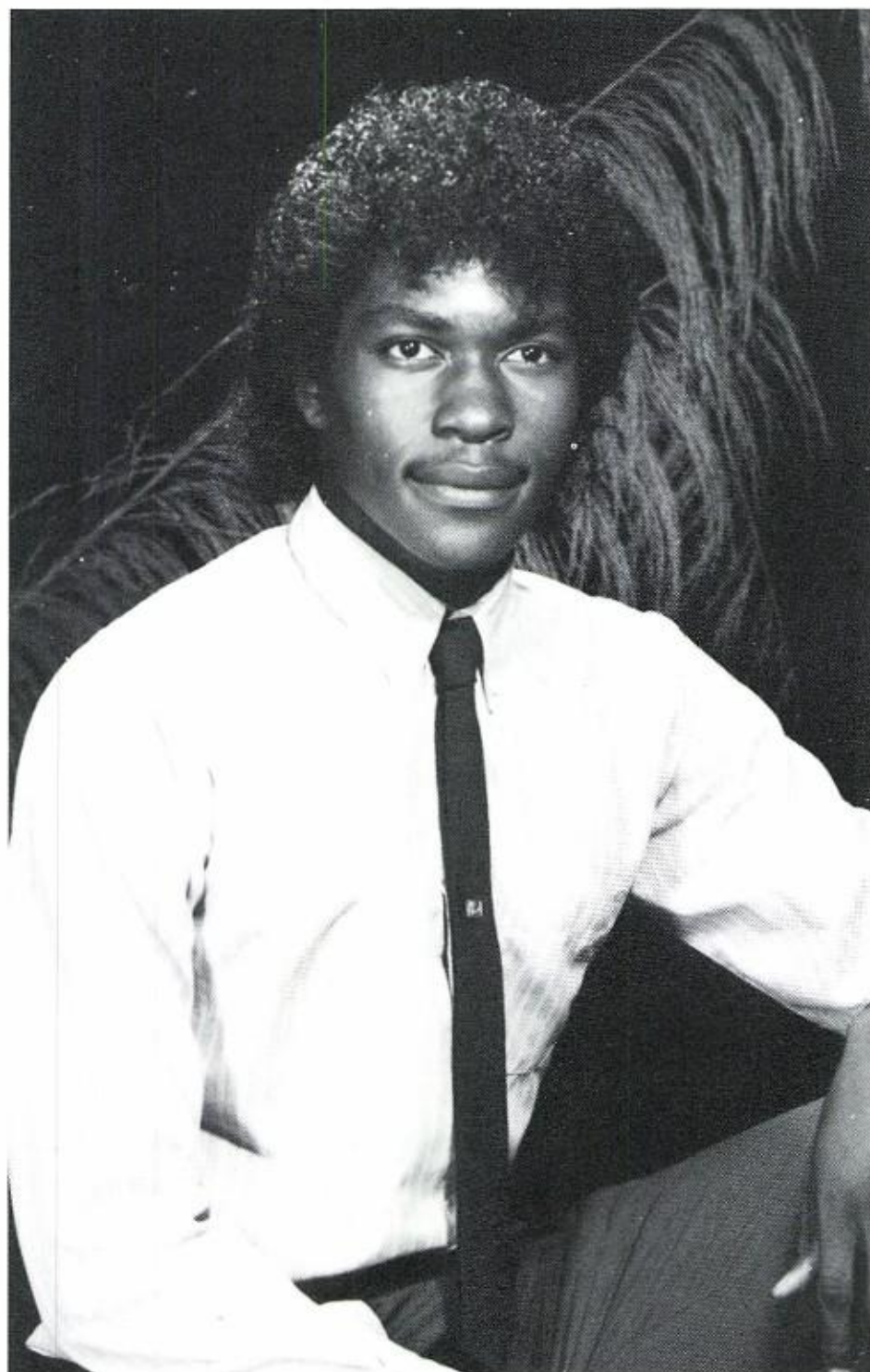
The moment you came into this world, we saw that you had a strong determination. You only weighed 2 lbs., and the doctor didn't think that you would make it, but you showed us all. You have taken each step of your life with perseverance and determination, and always welcomed new challenges. We are very proud of what you have achieved. May you continue to walk with God's guidance, and let Him direct your future. We are very proud of you. We love you.

Mom, Dad and Lance

THE GALAXY

It's been great, I can't thank all of you enough for the dedication and quality work that you gave Mills. You made my life richer for knowing and working with you.

Love,
 Janet Wilcox



*CONGRATULATIONS
RONNIE*

*You have brought us much happiness.
May all of your dreams come true.
God be with you always.*

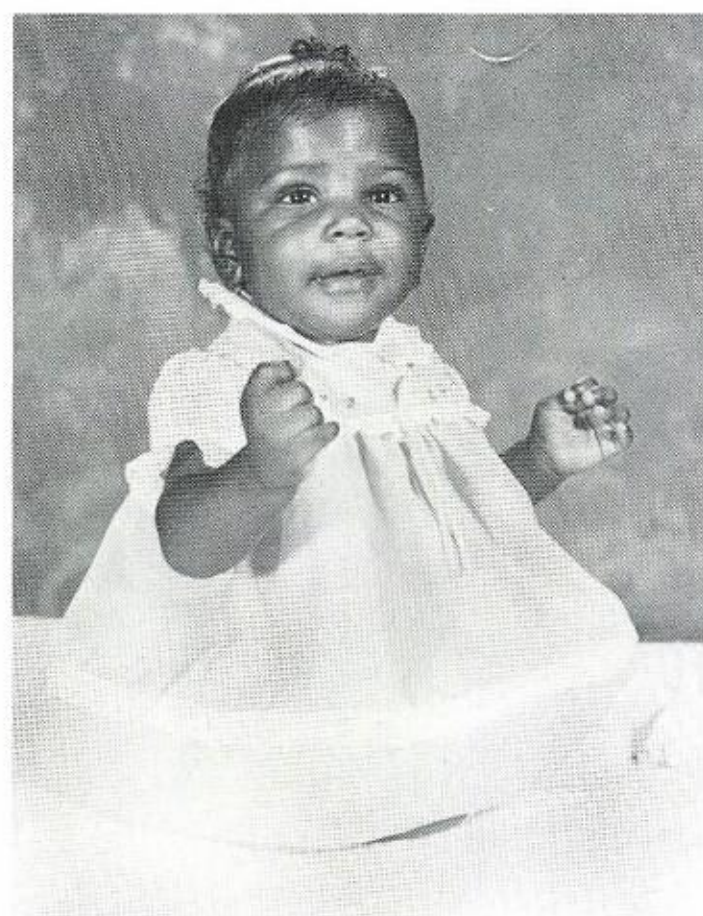
*We Love You!!!
Mom & Dad.*



Congratulations Sonya

We love you, and are very proud of you. As you continue to climb the ladder of success, always remember that we are behind you, steadily and prayerfully pushing. May you continue and have success in your endeavours.

Mother, Dad, and Roderick





"Granny,"

*You have been a loving grandmother and a best friend. You have been supportive of "most" everything I've done (let me stress the **most**). We've laughed, cried, and even dieted together. You have been a strong role model for one to follow. I appreciate all the wonderful things you've done for me.*

*I love you,
Melody*

Beau darling, Neal honey, Timmy-poo, and Scottie baby, I love you guys.

Mel



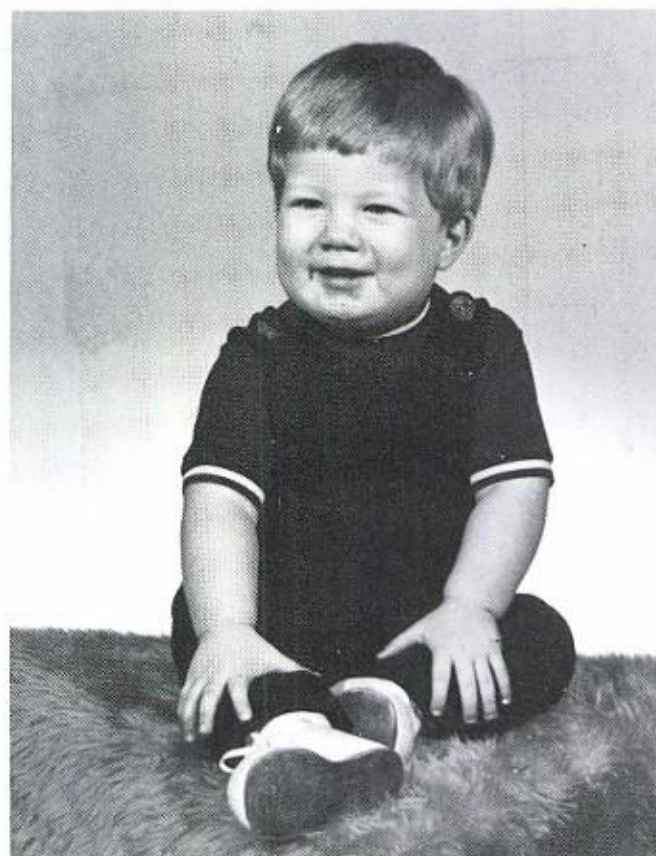
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*Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Stephen*



Tammy Green
Congratulations!

You made it. Keep your head held high. Keep your faith in God. Keep your determination to succeed with dedication and hard work. Stay the beautiful, sweet person you are, always remember we love you and are here if you need us. We wish you all the happiness in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & B.J.



Mom & Dad,

I want you to know that I love you very much, for all these years of standing by my side. You've always been there to help me, even when I didn't realize I really needed it. You've never let me down. And of course, I can't forget about Lonnie and B.J.! Without you two, I would probably be on my way to the nut house. No, I love you both, and please don't quit pestering, I don't think I would be the same without it. (Joke)

I Love You,
Tammy

Tammy,

I want you to know that I'm very proud of you. I know you will be great in whatever you do. Remember with God in your heart you can do anything.

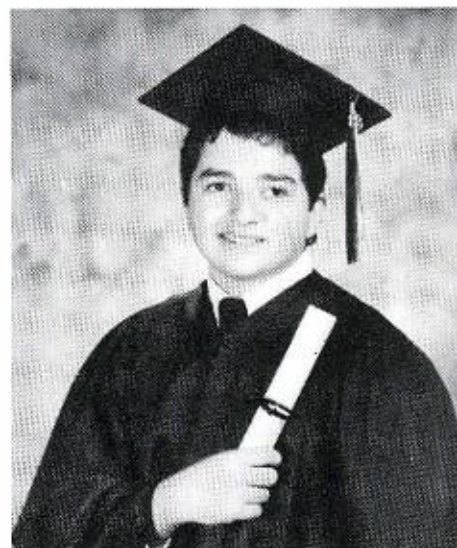
Love,
Lonnie



Caroline
Breashears

You are just the kind of daughter we always dreamed of having. With pride and love we wish you all the happy things you're so deserving of.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Erik Swafford
Toute la famille est
fière de toi.
Nous t'adorons!
Mom, Dad, Stefan,
and Christopher

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Kathy
Krablin

Katt,

Congratulations!

You have brought much joy to our lives and we are so very proud of you. Stay sweet as you are and remember we are always here for you.

May God Bless You now and in the years to come.

We love you,
Dad & Mom



Congratulations
Karen Dobbins!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations to our daughter Karen Dobbins. We are proud of you.

Love you,
Mom & Dad

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Karen
Dobbins!
Love,
Kim



Fran,

We are so proud of you. You have been a source of much joy. Our love goes with you step into the future.

all our love,
Mother, Dad, & Michael



Congratulations KoKo
God loves you and keep him first in life, then victory is yours.

We love you,

Dad, Mom, Kaleigh, and
your new brother "Howie"



Cindy,

Words cannot express how much you mean to me. Even if you weren't my daughter, I would love you for the special person that you are.

You are the kind of young lady anyone would be proud to model themselves after.

Your faith in God is evident in all that you do, and is an inspiration to us all.

I can truly say this family was blessed when you came into our lives and we all love you very much.

Mom, Dad and Melissa;

Granny and Papa;
Nano;
Ron and Lyndia;
Aunt Jean

Mom and Dad,

How can I ever thank you enough for all that you've given me? I only hope I can become the young adult you've taught me to be and make you as proud of me as I am of you. I thank the Lord every night for sending you both to me. He always knows best. I love you both very much and I thank you for your support.

Love always,
Cindy (Boo)

P.S. Cosmo just ate my bed! HA!



Cindy,

Thanks for always being there for me, sissy's forever.

Love,
Melissa



Granny and Papa,

Thank you both so much for everything - especially your love. You both have been such an inspiration in my life and I thank God for you both.

I Love you,
Cindy



"Lish"

I always wanted a little sister and I couldn't have asked for a better one! Stay cute!

I Love you,
Boo
BOO -N- BUM!

Cindy,
The moment has finally arrived. I'm so glad that you've been by my side for 11 years to share the good times and the bad I love you so much! Thanks for being a great friend.
Kristy



Kristy,

I want to thank you so much for the good times we shared. You mean so much to me. I wish you only the best in the years to come. Keep God first in all that you do and I know that you will be a success. I love you! I'll win the bet! Where's my toaster?

Your Best friend,
Cindy

Brian,

Thank you so much for being a good friend as well as a terrific boyfriend. You've always been so special to me. We've been through so much together, I can't imagine life without you. I'm so thankful that God brought us together.

I love you,
Cindy



Mom and Dad,

Thanks for all the support and love you have given me to make it this far. I could not have made it without you. I love you and again, thanks for everything.

Love you always,
Rena



Vernon,

I just wanted to say thanks for always being there for me. You're not just a brother to me, you're a very special friend. I know at times I don't always show it, but I do love you.

Your sis,
Rena

Mom and Dad,

Thanks for pushing me to be the best I could be. I will forever be thankful for all the love and guidance you have given me. You have been more than my parents, you have also been my friends. In everything I do, I want to make you proud. I love you both so much!

Your daughter,
Nellie

Nellie,

Well, we finally made it! It's hard to believe that we have known each other for so long. We've been through a lot together. I'll never forget some of the times we've had. You have been a very special friend to me since day one. You're like family to me. Thanks for everything you have done for me and I love ya!

Love and friends forever,
Rena



Rena,

WE MADE IT!! Even though at times it seemed this day would never come. Over the years we've become so much more than friends. You're like a sister to me. Thanks for always being there to share the joys and the tears. I know our friendship is the kind that lasts a lifetime! God bless you!

I love you,
Nellie



Tracie Smith

Congratulations Tracie!!
You've been to many
schools in many
different places, you've
met many different
people from all
nationalities and races,
treating them fairly and
honoring them all, with
Christ in your heart,
there was no way you
could fall.

**!!AND YOU'VE
ONLY
JUST BEGUN!!**

We Love you dearly,
Mom, Dad & Roy

Brad,

*We have been with you through elementary, teeny league, Jr.
High, Little League and all the wonderful experiences in High
School. Don't ever leave us out. We love every minute of being
part of your life.*

*We love you,
Mom & Dad*



Brad Marshall

Brad,

*I can hardly believe it's time
for you to graduate! You are the
BEST big brother & friend that a
little sister could ask for!*

*I love you,
Little sis*

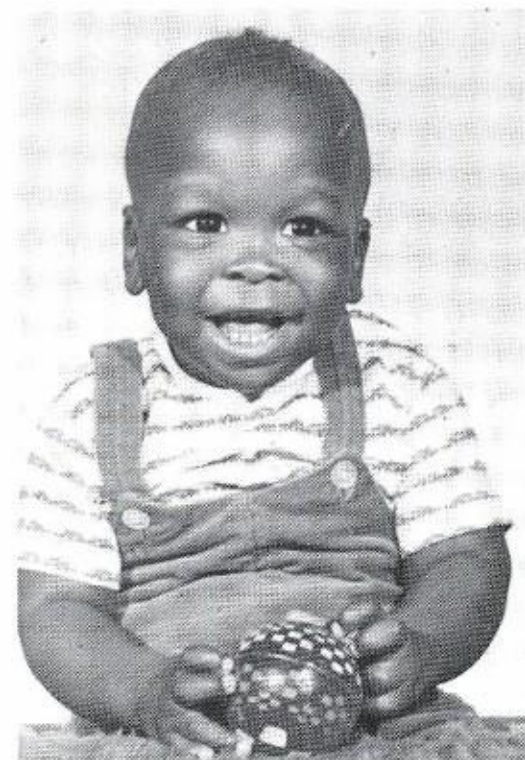
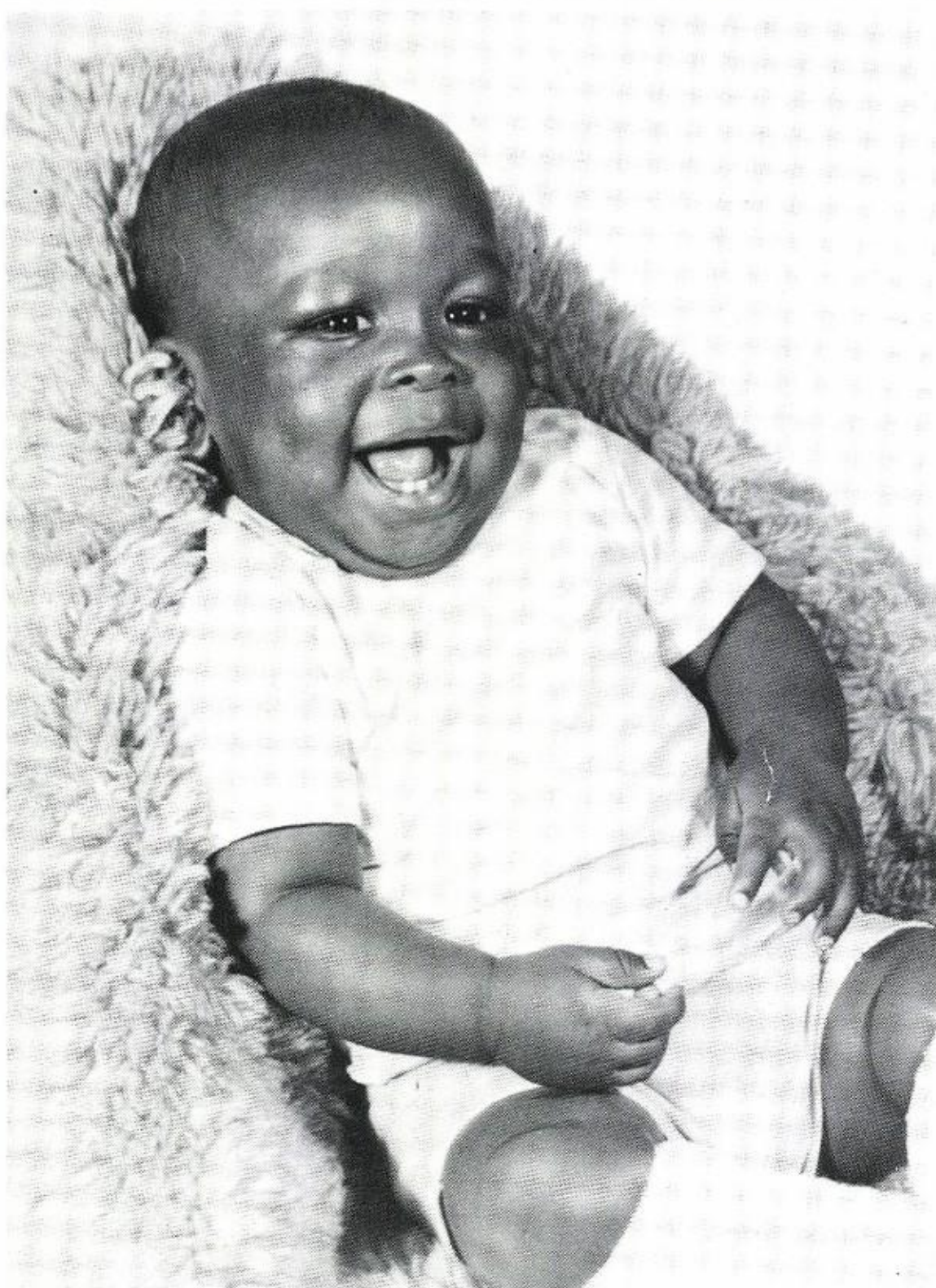


Shelia Martin

To our "Favorite Daughter"

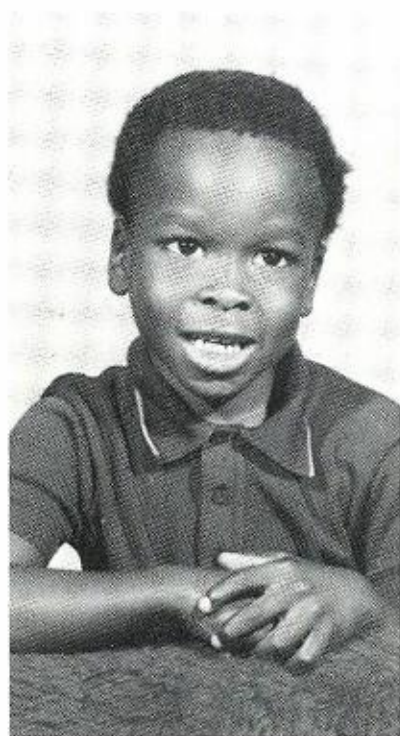
Just take a look at you now! My how you have grown into a beautiful young woman. This past year has been a trying time for us all. But you have come through like a champ. Keep your chin held high. Always remember you're the apple of Mommy & Daddy's eye.

**We love you
Mother & Dad**



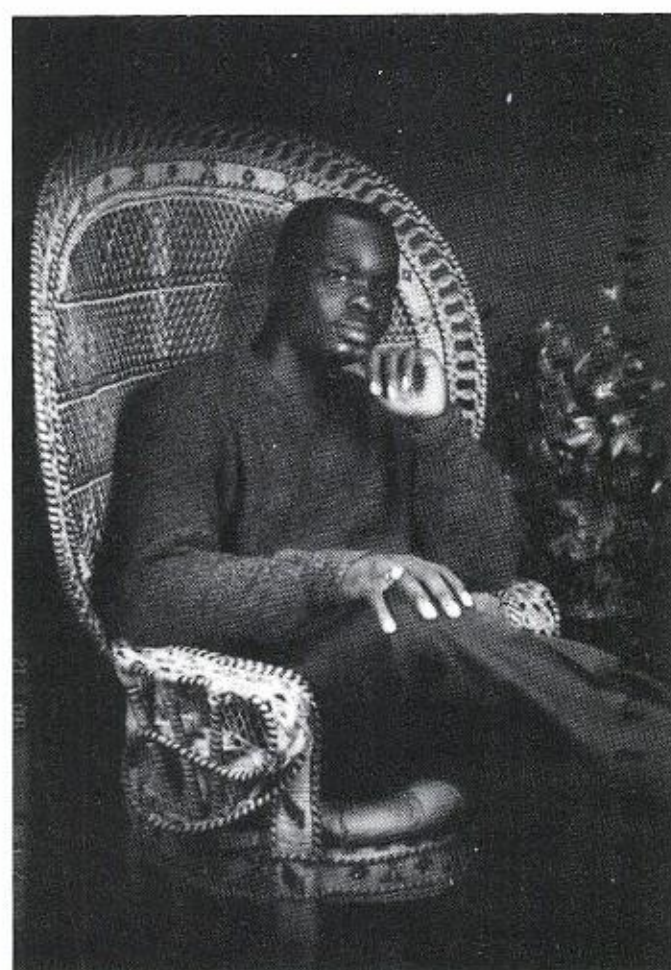
Deryl,
 Congratulations! Go all the way to the top in whatever you do, and be successful.

Your little sister,
 Antisia Walker



Deryl,
 Aren't you glad we didn't let you quit school in kindergarten like you wanted to do? We are very proud of you and love you very, very much. Always remember it was God who brought you this far and to always put Him first in everything you do and you will be successful.

Your parents & sister,
 Dad, Mom, Antisia





Karla, Kim

I am very proud to have you as grand-daughters. Believe in yourself, and with your good qualities and friendly ways, you will always make life worth living.

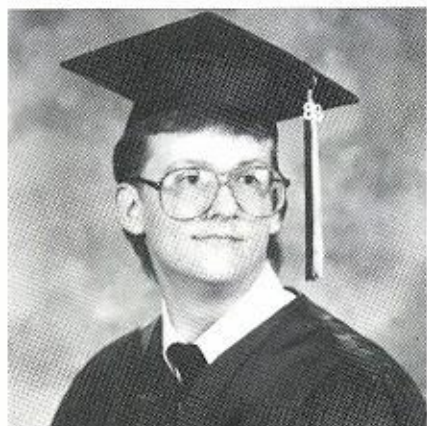
*Love you both,
Grandma*



Kimberly and Karla

It seems as if it was only yesterday, and you two just started kindergarten in Yokosuda, Japan. We have experienced so much happiness, and so much sadness, but it has only made you both stronger. I am so very proud of both of you.

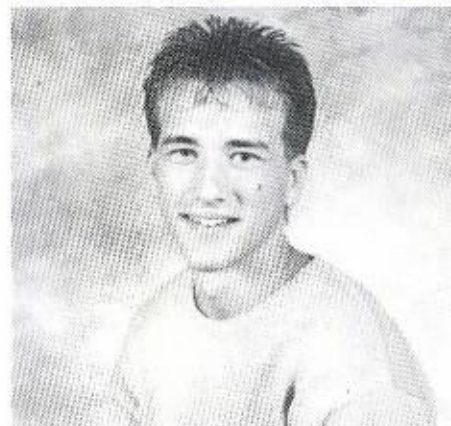
*Love,
Mom*



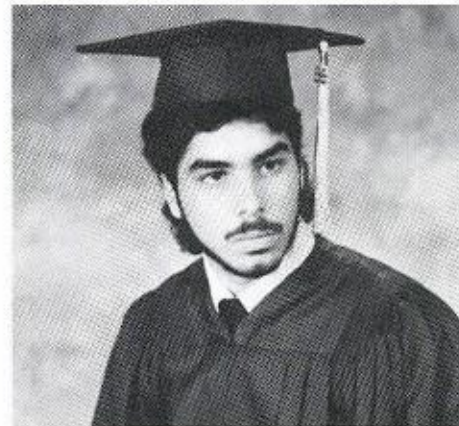
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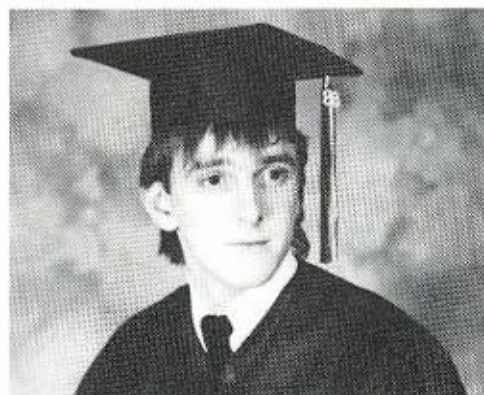
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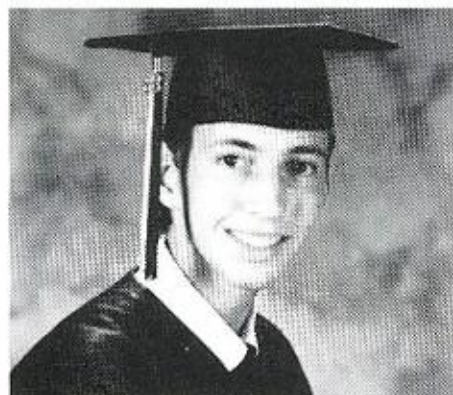
To the Student Body and faculty:

We (the guys) would like to express our deepest sympathy to the people whose lives we made a living nightmare. I hope the damage to your houses and personalities was not too harsh. Even though we'll miss the people we abused the past dozen years we would still like to say it's been a fun year.

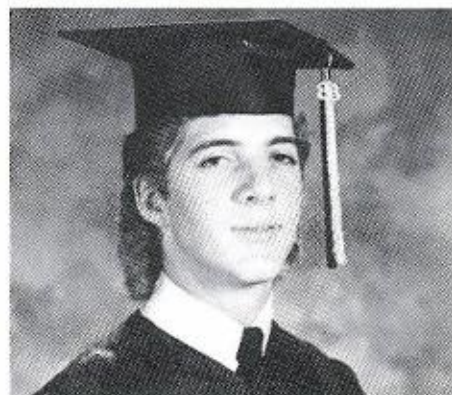
*So long Fellows,
"The Hell raisers"*



John McMorran



Brad Duncan



Kirk Pierce



Larry Fleming

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" "Heck, no! Because all music is a source of evil, you infidels. Yo, baby, yo, baby, yo! Although, *ibid* is so passé. And don't be a social faux-pas! Well, we finally found the party. Rock-n-roll y'all. Life goes on . . .

From the anti-Bowheads of America,
April Hirby, Jennifer Jones, Kristi Kyzer, Suzanne Melton, Tiffany Murphree, Leah Pennington, Lori Pennington



Ape
"ahah, ahah . . . snort"

You've come a long way from kissing behind folders! By the way, Tim who?

You've come a long way from the bathroom wall . . . but you'll always be a preppy "person" to us.



Jen
"Get Real"

At least I was cool about it, I didn't get any on my lips. (Jer-Bears Rule)

Bones, **REMEMBER**
WHEN you ran over that fat kid in your "Omni-deus"?! (Is that 5 cars, now?)



Su
"Whatever, Lea"

The party's just begun (be sure and bring the punch)
Ratt-n-Roll



Murph
"oh, How funny"

Woodstock, Watergate, and **The Wall Street Journal.**
(Watch out for those early morning rats!)



K.K.
"Rock-n-Roll"

Tiff, try not to flash anymore 1st period zoology students. (that's what I thought)



Lea-Baby
"Whatever, Su"



Lori Beth-Anne

Follow your dream wherever it leads.

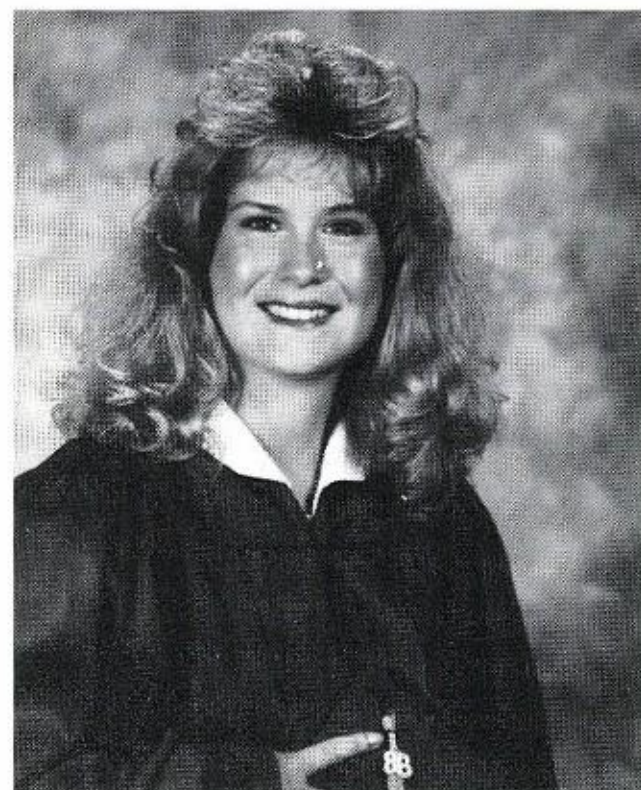
Let nothing discourage you nor stand in your way.

For tomorrow is yours to shape as you may.

*We love you,
Mom and Chuck*



Shelly Siler



Cheryl Miller

Cheryl,

You are entering the most important times of your life. Your decisions will be many, and most of them will be extremely difficult. You have a fine mind and I am sure you will do your best to make the right ones. Some will be right and some will be wrong. But one thing you should remember: they will be yours; yours to be content with when they are right, and yours to correct when wrong, but yours alone.

I am very proud of you! Maybe because you are my one and only daughter, but too, I think, because you have been a good kid. You and I have been through a lot together as mother and daughter, as well as friends, and I love you for being the person you are. You have been an inspiration to me at times when I needed it most.

*YOU MADE IT AND I LOVE YOU FOR IT!
MOM*



Brian Linn

*Congratulations Brian!
We love you and are very proud
of you. May God bless and guide
you in your life.*

Mom and Dad

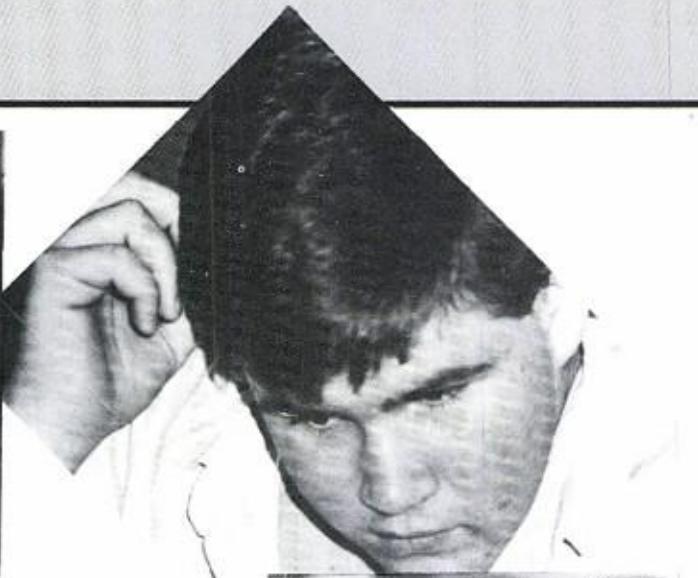


Kris Herndon

*You hit the ball in the
high weeds!!*

We love you!

*Mom, Dad, Jamie, Lynn,
James, Nannie, Papaw and
Granny.*



THE STAFF

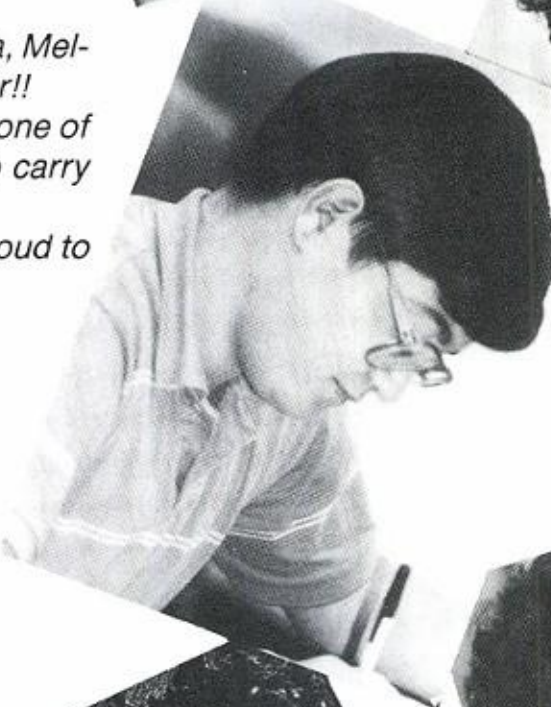
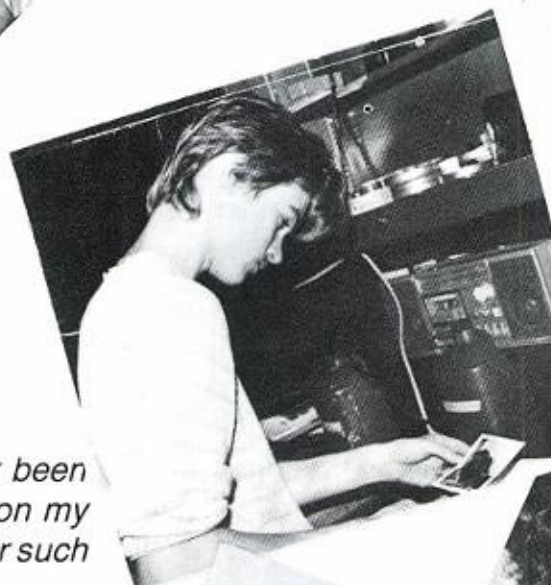
I came to Mill last August and my life has never been the same! You have made me laugh, cry, and question my sanity. Most of all, you have made me proud. Thanks for such a wonderful year.

Lisa, Eric, Harold, Brian, Cindy, Colette, Keith, Nita, Melody, none of you may graduate! I need you next year!!

Holly, Chad, Mike, Felicia, Rosalyn, Laura, Kim, none of you may transfer, or drop yearbook. You will have to carry on the tradition.

Again, thank all of you for being so terrific. I'm proud to have in my life and I love you all.

Karen Lowery



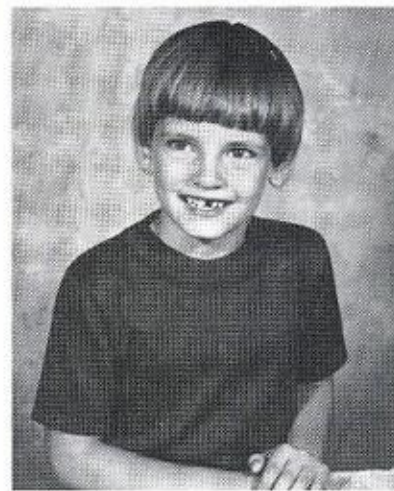


Congratulations
Angie

You have become all that we hoped and more. We are happy that you made it through high school.

We knew you could do it. Just don't stop here. Keep going until you reach your goals in life.

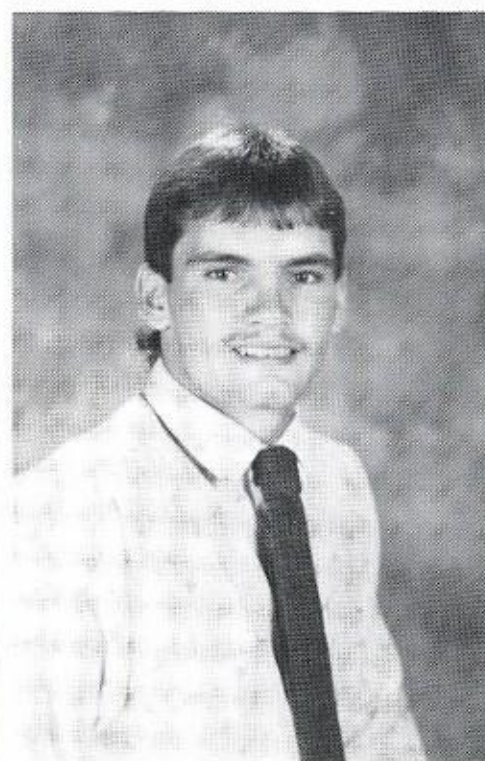
May God bless you and keep you
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and June



Congratulations
May God bless you and guide you.

Love,
Mamaw & Papa Welch

Jason Welch



Jason,

Your accomplishments have surpassed our expectations. We love you and wish you as much success in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Wayne



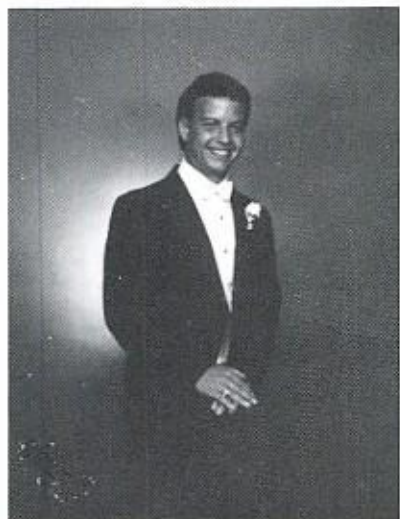
Sonya,

As your older brother I have seen you grow. I am very proud of you. Keep your head up and do your best at everything.

Love,
Arthell and family

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John,

We are proud of you. We wish you success and happiness in the coming years, just as you have given us these 18 years.

Love,

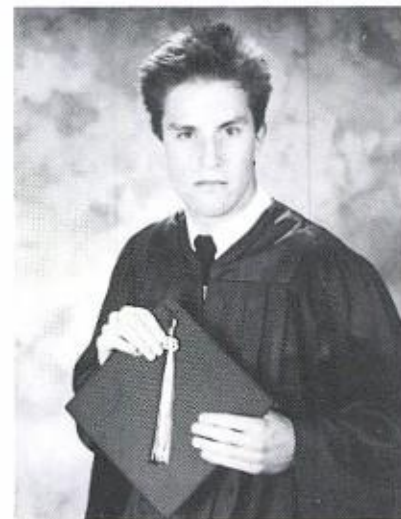
Dad, Lynda, Jim, Lisa, Jerry,
Sally, and Tommy.

Tommy,

We have enjoyed having you this year. You are a very special part of this family.

Love,

Dad, Mom, and John



John McMorran,
THE HOME OF THE
BRAVE OUR LAND OF THE
FREE, A BETTER PLACE
BECAUSE OF THE MAN
YOU'RE ABOUT TO BE.

"THANKS JOHN DAVID
McMORRAN"

Love,
Mom & Dad



Sonya,

Having a sister as special as you are to me has added an unlimited amount of zest to my life.

Remember I'm always here if you need me. Success is yours, "GO FOR IT!!"

Love Always,
Sharon



Stephanie,

We have been together for a long time, ever since the first grade. You really mean a lot to me. You are always there for me, and you know I'll always be there for you. Thanks for being my "stepping stone."

Love Always,
Karla

"FRIENDS FOREVER"

A friendship that will last for all eternity. Many laughs we have had through the good and the bad, many secrets we have shared and promises we kept. Many times I needed someone there and you came because you care. No one would ever know, the specialness of a friend as you. There came a time when our friendship took a test. Yet it endured, because it was the best. No one will ever know how special you are as a "FRIEND." Your friendship will stay with me in my heart. For I have found a friend who will last forever. And, Karla, you are someone dear whom I will treasure "ALWAYS."



CONGRATULATIONS:

Lisa Daniel

&

Ronnie Dey

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*Remember when . . .
we laughed, we cried,
we argued and seldom
agreed.*

*Everytime it was your turn to
do dishes, you would get a
terminal illness (still do).*

*Dad and I have probably
griped and complained too
much because you're our
sweet-baby-grown-up who
has been an obedient, loving
daughter.*

*We love you and are very
proud you belong to us.
Mom and Dad*



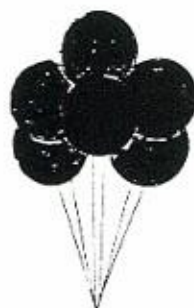
Eccles. 12:1 - "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth . . ."



Julian
White

Congratulations Julian!
We are proud of you and
wish the very best in life
for you.

Love,
Mom
Dad
Robert Jr.
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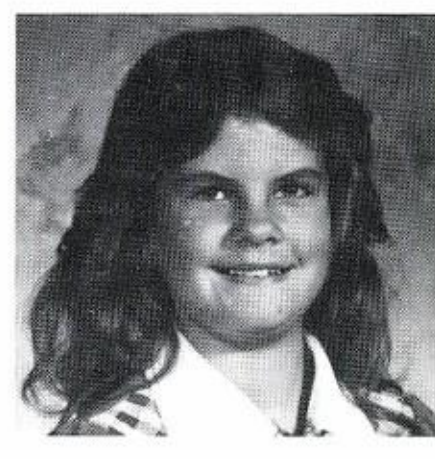
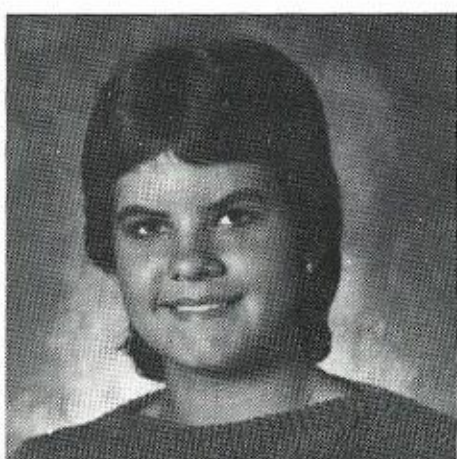
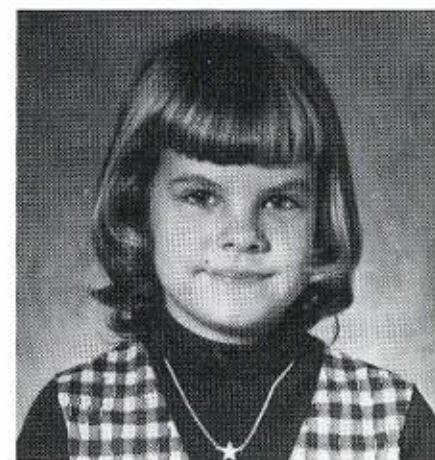
We are so proud of you, Karen. You have set worthy
goals and have worked hard to achieve them. You are
a very special young lady. We love you!

Mom, Dad, and Kevin



Karen Shumaker

"Let no man despise thy
youth; but be thou ex-
ample of the believers"
Timothy 4:12



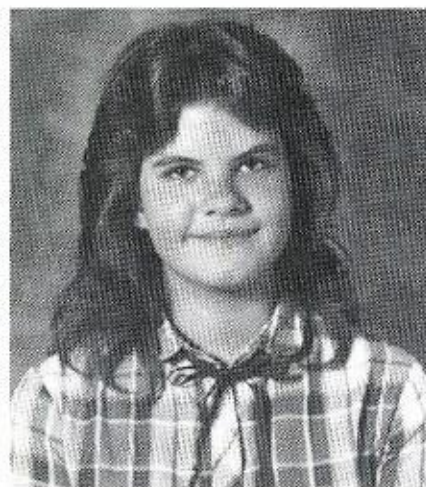
Congratulations Kristi

It has been our pleasure to have you as our daughter.

May God bless you and be with you in whatever you choose to do.

Most important remember we are very proud of you and will always be here for you.

*With all of
our love,
Dad, Mom, Shannon*





*Times were good,
and times were bad.
I'll never forget
the times we had.
We opened up our
deepest thought.
That kind of friendship
just can't be bought.
Words have lost me.
I don't know what to do.
So I guess the only thing
I can say is "Thank you!"*

*Kevin,
Thank you for always being here for me. You always
know how to make me laugh. You will always have a friend
in me.*

Love always, Karla Heffington



*Kim Yancey
Karla Yancey
Kristi Kyzer
Congratulations!!
I love y'all!!
Shelly Siler*

Karen,

Remember this?

*True Friends
True friends we are,
Karen and I
We shall stay together
by and by.
But whenever it comes time
for us to depart,
We'll remember each other
deep down in our hearts.*

*I love you!
Your "little sis",
Dutchess*

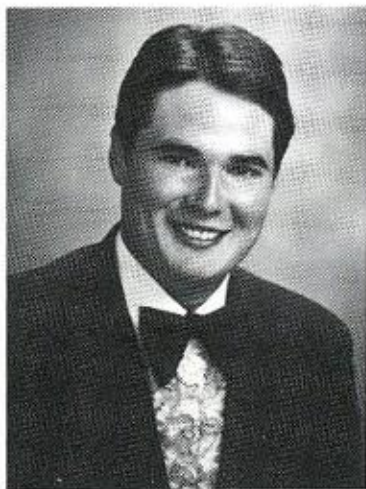


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Love always,
Stephanie and Karla

God be gracious unto you and give you a heart to serve Him with good courage: send you peace, hear your prayers, and never forsake you.

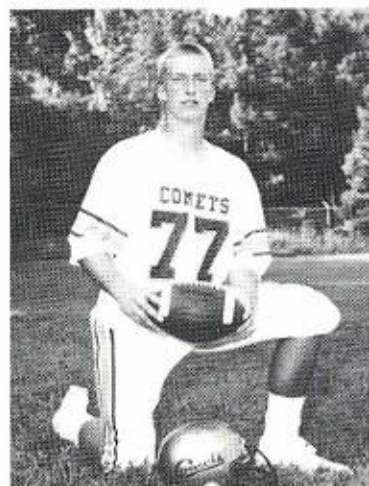
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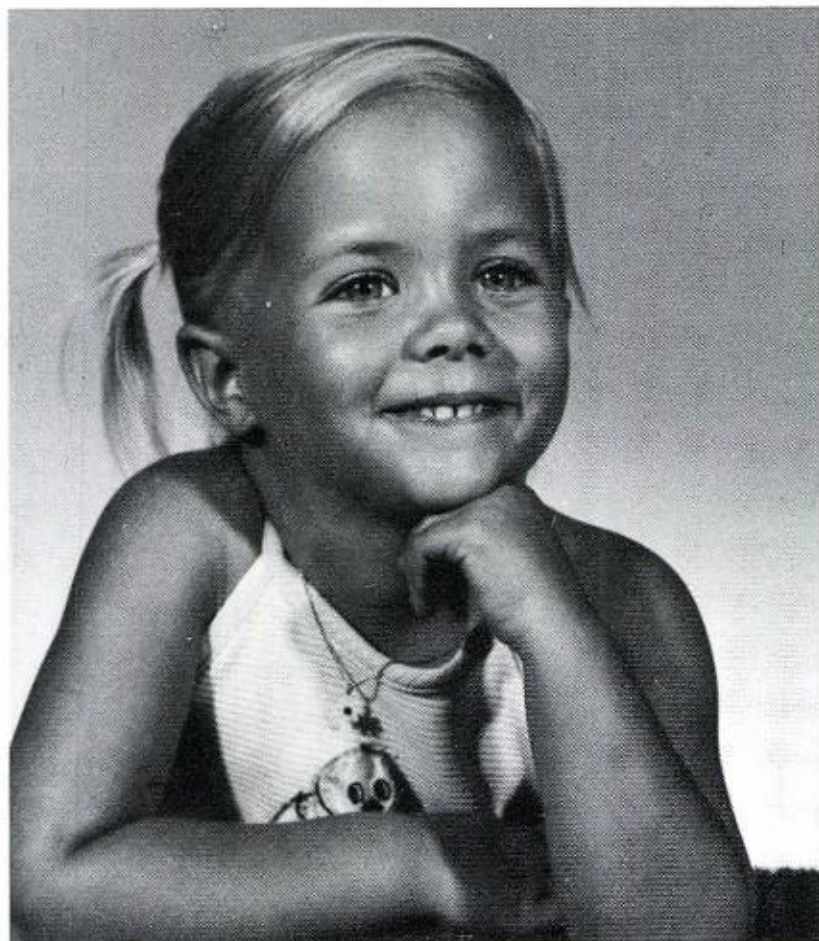


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*May God continue to bless you and guide you in your
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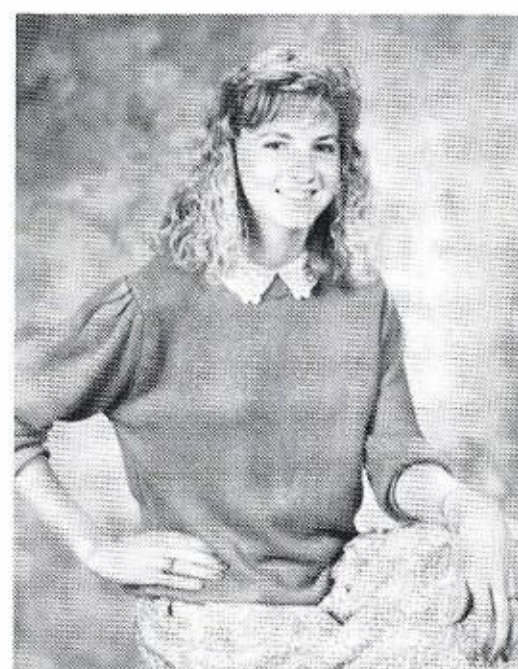
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June: The mail brings bleak news.

"Great day in the morning! Not only do we not have a staff for next year, but we don't have an advisor!"

July: The picture grows dimmer.

"Remember that old bitty from Fair - she's going to be your advisor! Have fun!" someone said with spite.

August: A spark of hope is received.

"Guess what? We got another new advisor. She hasn't taught in six years! She's probably coming out of retirement. But that's okay, she'll be a pushover."



September: Oh, Yuck, back to school!

"Have you seen our new advisor yet?"

"No, but Chad did and he said she's wearing yellow."

"Surely that's a sign of a perky personality!"

October: Black Monday hits home.

"Gosh we're only \$2000 in debt! We could make a list..."

November 12, 1987: It's one day past D-DAY. Thank God for express mail!!

"We Love You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

"THE STAFF"

P.S. Now that we're all finished, we all lived, and there was no need to panic, we're all going home!

Deadline is two four-letter words.

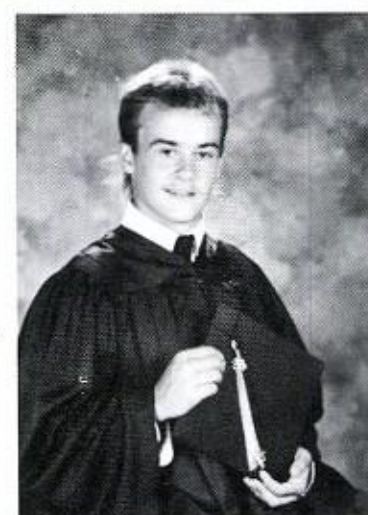


Brian,
Congratulations, we are very proud of you.
We know you will go far in life.
You will always be special to your Dad and I.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Brian,
You are a very special grandson, We are very proud of you.

Love,
Nanny and Papa



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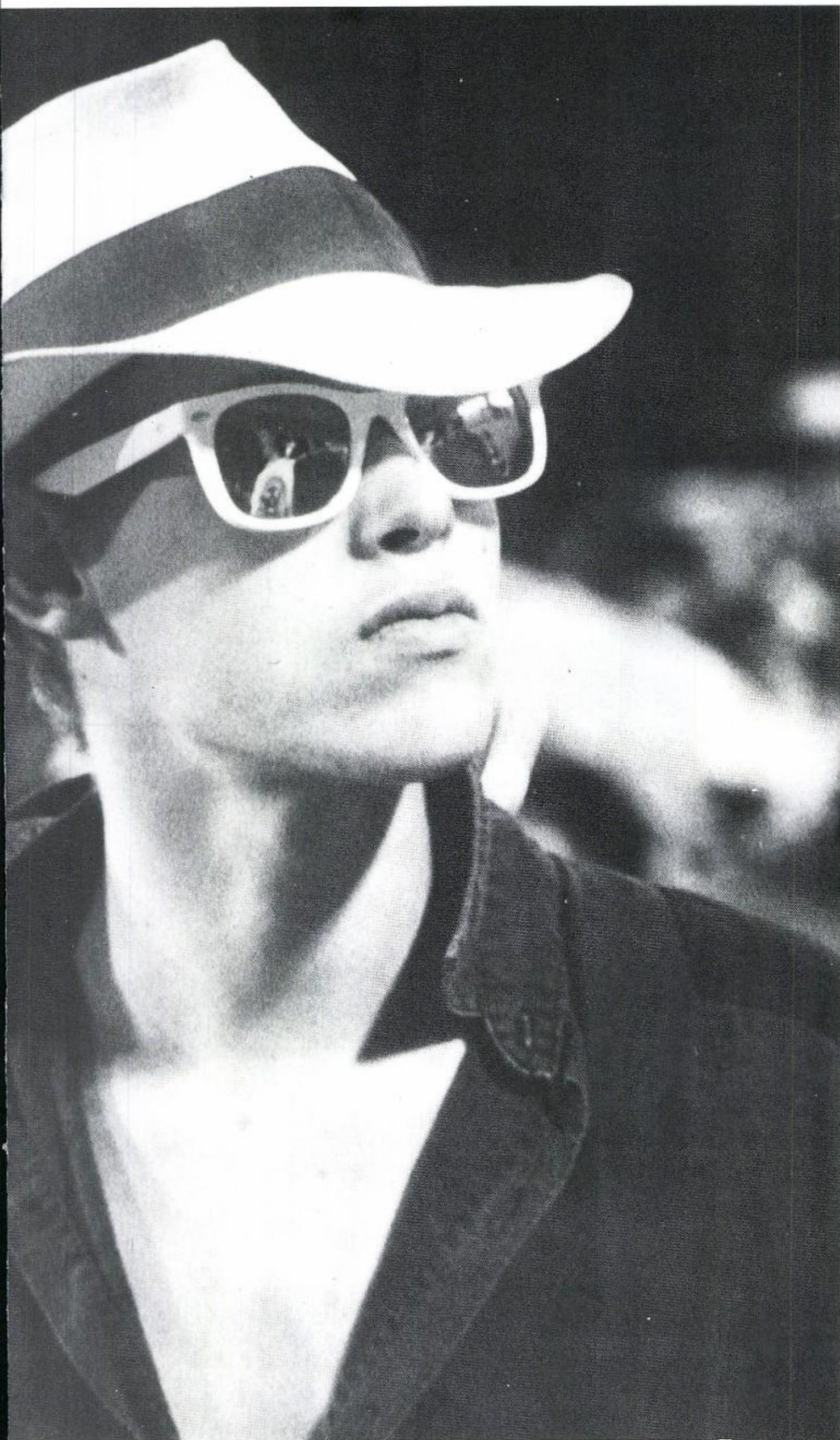
This one small but important section of the yearbook stands to represent the entire student body. How you may ask can one section do all of this? Elementary, my dear Watson, elementary.

"The index just kind of puts the whole book together. People don't believe that it is all that important but it is. People look back at the index a lot more than they think they do," Mike Horton said.

The index is made up of the entire student body and what pages they are on. Also now the index has all of the group shots of the individual clubs at school. This was done in order to save room for interesting points about the organizations. A section in the yearbook that is dedicated to these things definitely a section that makes connections.

"I like the index the new way. It's neat with the club pictures in there but I like the old way too. Either way is fine," Tracy Whitfield said.





Brian Linn

Lang Kirshberger shows his comet pride by coming all out in appearance and style at the conference football game.

Treva Peyton and Kelly Tolefree engage in bright conversation during a class while the teacher wasn't looking.



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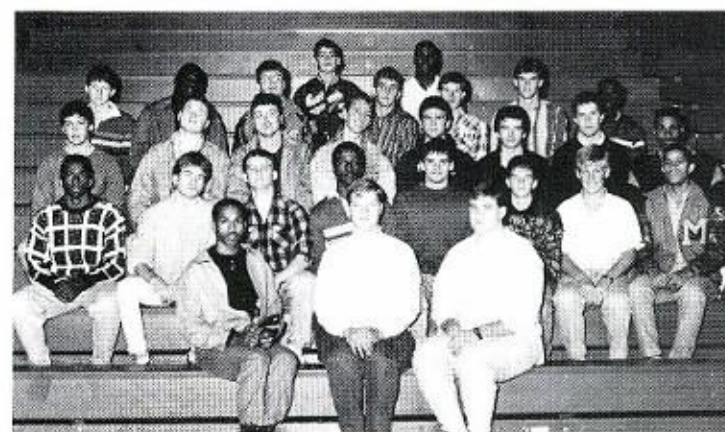
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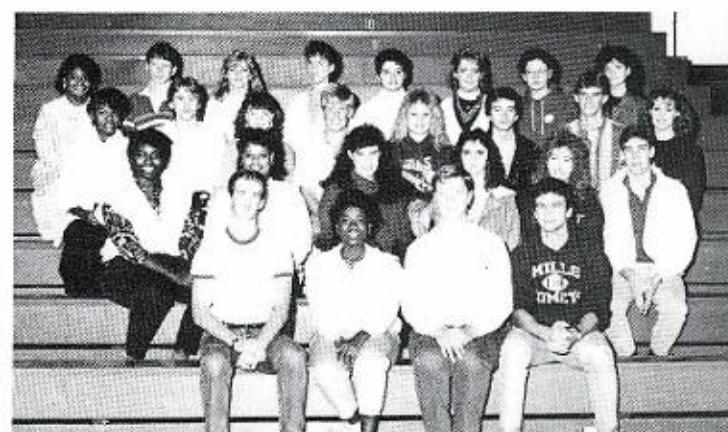
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Cindy Hope



Cindy Hope

Erik Swafford dresses for the occasion while he works on top ten percent pictures during the last deadline. The late hour must have affected him!

Veronica LeBlanc takes time between classes to touch up her make-up in the girls' restroom. Crowds flocked to the restroom between classes.

Colophon

The theme of the 1988 **Comet** is "Piecing it Together." Four hundred and twenty five books were printed by Walsworth Publishing in Marceline, Missouri and sold at costs of \$25 and \$27. Dave Murray was our very patient representative. Davis/Pack was the professional photographer.

The **Comet** has 248 pages and is printed on 80# enamel gloss. There is one signature of special stock Adobe tan and one signature of four-color photography.

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Pieced Together

Lisa Berry

Editor

Some people thought this year would never come. Others thought it would never end. Sorting through a world of changes created a new outlook at Mills, and we made known our place in the "big picture" of the district.

After eighteen years of tradition and status quo, Mills slowly accepted change and worked to develop a more positive image, both within the school and in the community.

"Through the trial and error method, I think the administration helped us all with the changes and helped us to remember who we are - Mills High," said Brian Linn.

Day after day, events came together to form a full year. Hard work, patience, and communication were the glue that held the pieces in place.





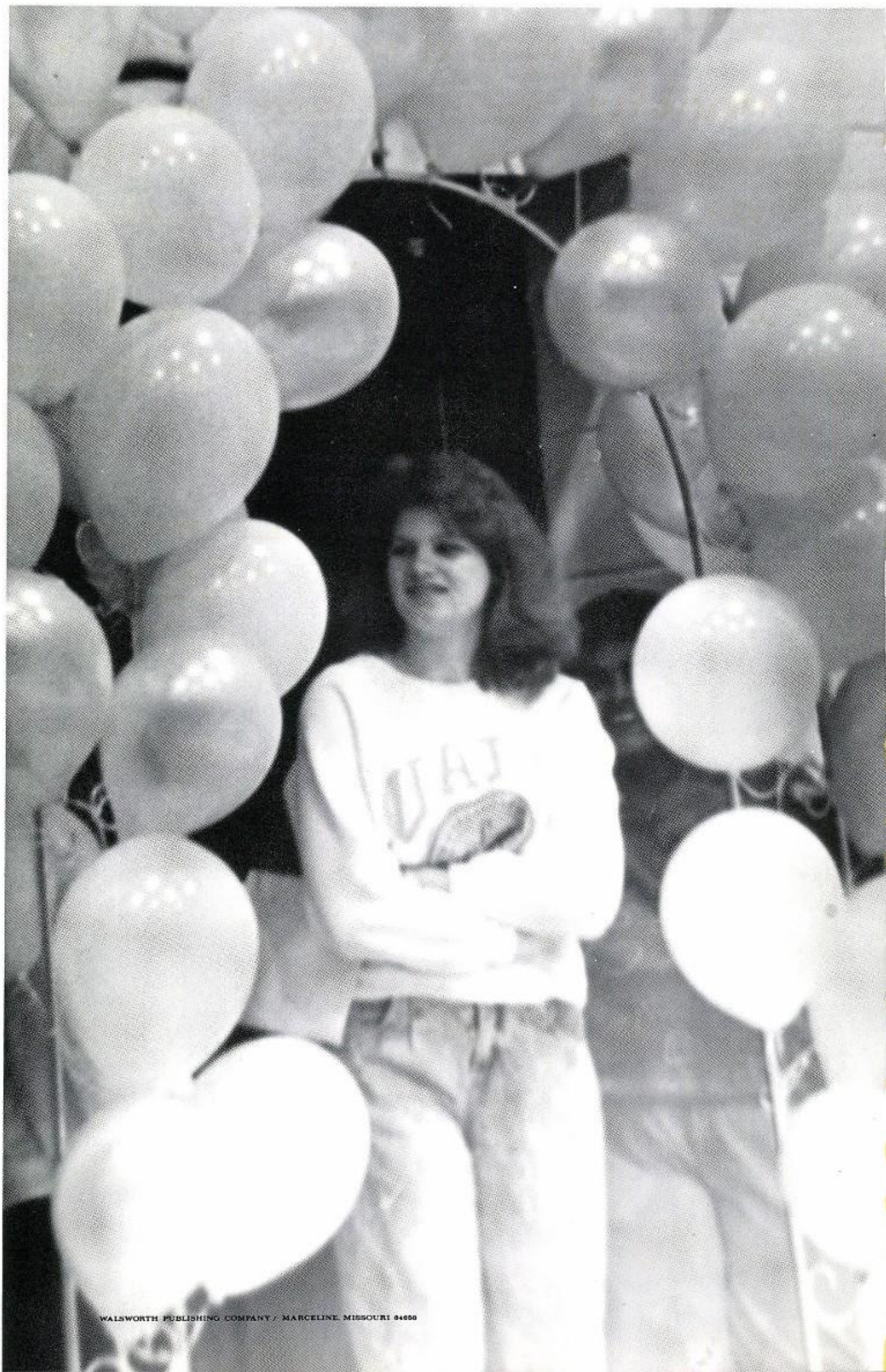
Could it be that these students are giving childhood one last look? Parenting students fulfill an assignment by pretending to teach young children.

Holly Bramel and Mike Horton say goodbye to a good friend. This year was pieced together by moments of friendship.



Brian Linn

Rueah Hilton views the Basketball Homecoming from a somewhat privileged position. This year was pieced together by many such moments.



Mrs. Miller,

Well the time has come and I wouldn't have made it without you, your typewriter, and your office! It would've been a lot easier if ^{we} didn't get in a fight every time I came to see you!!

Really and truly, I am so thankful that we have become friends. Thanks for the support you have given me & especially for the "older & wiser" advice*. Don't worry this isn't good-bye because I'm going to need lots of advice next year... you know the wedding **

I love you!
SDue
~

Mrs. Miller,

It's been a
great year. I enjoyed
my time as a counselor's
aid. It was fun. See you
next year.

Love,
Felicia
Davies
(Mickey)

Mrs. Miller,

It's really been a good year
for me! I didn't know what to
expect from a counselor's secretary-
but now I'm glad I met you.
You are a very sweet person. (Thanks
for the pass to class-by the way!)
I'm glad I got to be an aide this
year to come in here & talk every
day! Hope to see you next year!

Love ya,
Stacy
Bisbee

Linda-

Hey! Well another year has gone by. I've got one more to go! I would have never made it this far without you. You encouraged me to hang in there and keep a smile on my face when I thought the world was coming to an end when I was in Texas. You're such a good friend. You were like my second mom while I was at Fair, and now here I am - sitting in your office having a nice little chat with you. Thank you so much for getting me into this school. It was a miracle that you did. I don't know what I'm going to do next year without you. I guess I'll be spending a lot of dimes, huh? You've given me some great advice. You've listened + not said a word when that was all I needed. And then again you gave me your opinion. It's hard to believe that we've been friends for four years. I really do hope that we keep in touch after I move AGAIN. But if we don't, it won't be my fault! I hope you have a great summer + at least a couple of days to yourself. You deserve it.

Love Always,
Liz

P.S.
I don't
owe you
any money!
HAHA!

you
better
not
miss
my
graduation!

I don't
know how
you survived
it here at
this school
with 2 warners!

